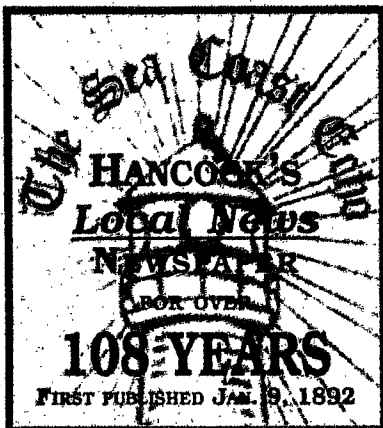


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**Sunday**  
**July 9, 2000**

**Registration for PeeWee football**  
Registration will be held for Lakeshore Youth Athletic Club PeeWee football/cheerleaders on Monday, July 10, Thursday, July 13, Saturday, July 15, Monday, July 17 and Thursday, July 20, at Waveland Market Center from 4-7 p.m. for children ages 6-12 before Sept. 1. Call Michelle at 466-6367 or Sandra at 255-7828.

**Beach Blvd. to close Monday**  
Beach Blvd., from the entrance to Buccaneer State Park to Ioor Street in Clermont Harbor, will be closed starting tomorrow, Monday, for around 60-90 days for repairs. Motorists can enter and leave Buccaneer only by Beach Blvd. coming from Waveland. Detours will be marked coming from Bayou Caddy.

**Audition dates changed for play**  
Auditions for "Let's Murder Marsha" will be held at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre on Boardman Avenue only on Monday, July 17. Director Ed Craig said the theatre would not be available on Sunday, July 16. He is asking those interested in casting to report to the theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Monday.

**Friends & family at Pearlington**  
First Baptist Church of Pearlington will celebrate "Friends & Family Day" on July 16 at 2 p.m. with speaker Rev. Dennis E. Holder.

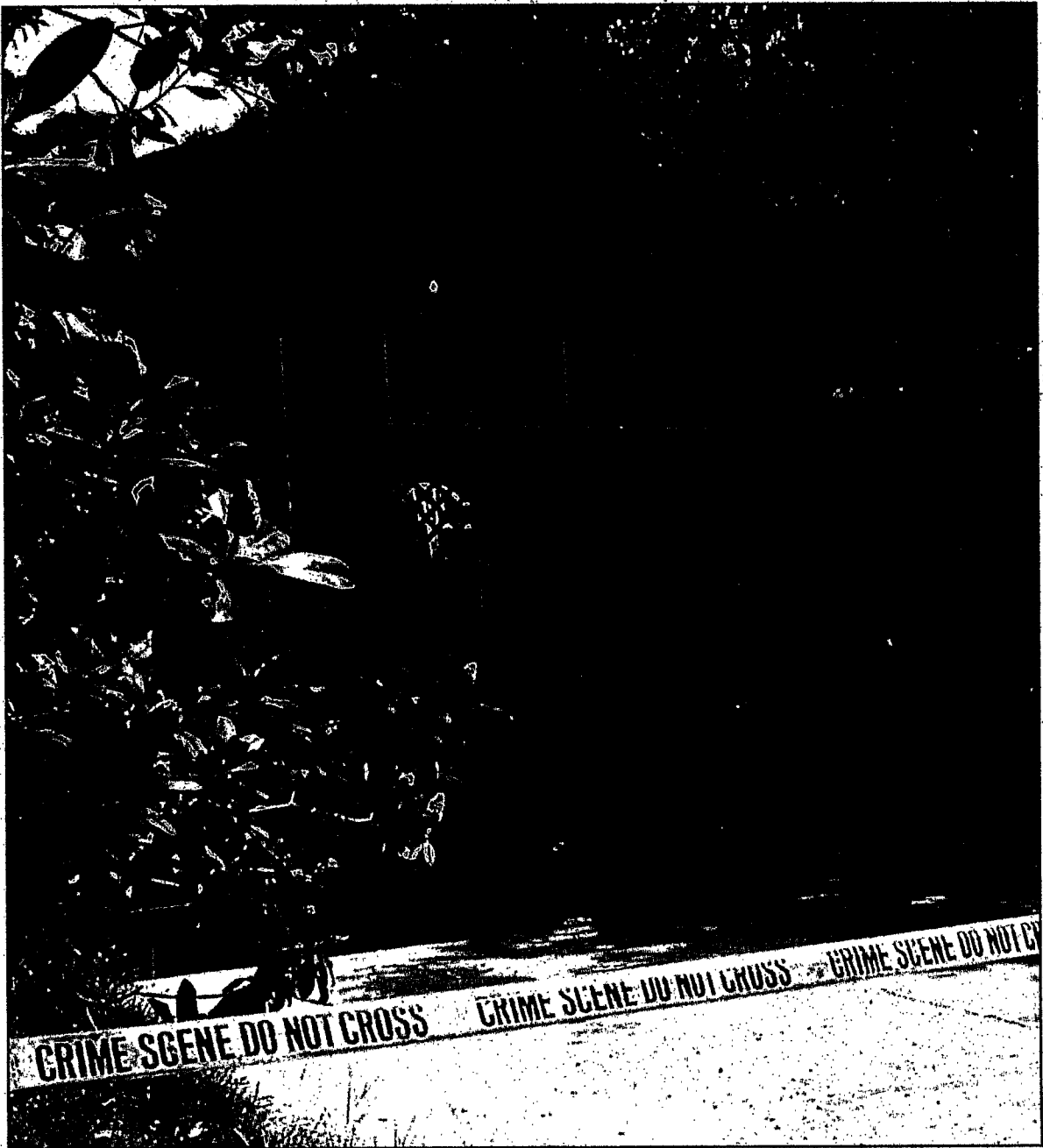
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Wed. 9:51 a. 9:29 p.  
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# CRIME SCENE



Officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department have sealed off the 4154 Lake Street home of the late Gwynette Sharon Spiers, who was murdered late Tuesday evening.

## Sheriff investigating Shoreline murder

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher/Editor**  
An investigation continues into the Tuesday night murder of Gwynette Sharon Spiers, a resident of 4154 Lake Street in Shoreline Park, according to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

Hancock Chief Investigator Bob Lambert said, "An autopsy by Dr. Paul McGarry, pathologist, revealed that Spiers suffered a blow to the top of her head which caused a two inch laceration. The blow did not crack her skull, but caused a loss of a lot of blood which probably caused her death."

The sheriff's office received a call at 5:10 p.m. Wednesday upon arrival deputies found Spiers's body in the bedroom of her home, Garber said. An autopsy revealed that Spiers had drugs in her system, Lambert said.

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## Waveland marina plan criticized

**BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD**  
**Staff Writer**  
The Department of Marine Resources held a public hearing at the Coast Electric Power Association meeting room in Bay St. Louis Wednesday night to give concerned residents a chance to voice their opinions, pro or con, on the proposed new Marina Project at the foot of Coleman Avenue and Terrace in Waveland.

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## Lang: Our community's crusader for the children

**BY BENNIE WEDGWOOD**  
**Staff Writer**  
When I was escorted to an office where a tiny, frail, modestly-dressed woman stood, I was sure I had been misunderstood when I asked for Geraldine Lang. Before I arrived, I had heard of her work with the Save Our Children Program and her dynamic work for the children and more unfortunate citizens of our community.

In fact, anyone I asked, had good things to say. Before I arrived, I knew that Geraldine Lang was loved by a lot of people. "Are you Miss Geraldine," I asked, "Why yes honey, I am, Gerri, and what is your name," the tiny woman said, meeting my gaze directly with her own bright

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Area resident, frequent volunteer and crusader for children Geraldine Lang.



Monsignor Martin Van der Warr presides over the dedication Friday of St. Martin's Chapel and the Robert G. Smith Memorial Beach at the new Chapel Hill community in Bay St. Louis.

### TRUE DEDICATION

## Board eyeing possibility of beach area improvements

**BY ED LEPOMA**  
**Staff Writer**  
Initial estimates are it will cost Hancock County at least \$500,000 to elevate and improve Beach Boulevard from Lakeshore Road to Bayou Caddy.

Hancock County supervisors made that promise months ago when developers of the Paradise Bay Casino and resort decided to revive gambling at the vacant Bayou Caddy site.

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# Obituaries

**BERNICE J. AUGRAIN**  
**CARROLL S. BOWERS**  
**MABEL L. BROWN**  
**JAMES GAINUS**  
**MADELINE GIARRUSSO**  
**VERA NAILS**  
**GLORIA K. SMITH**  
**SHARON SPIERS**

**BERNICE J. AUGRAIN**  
 Bernice J. Augrain, 83, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Augrain was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Diamondhead. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of Annunciation Catholic Church at Kiln.

She was a member of CCC Waveland; Diamondhead Garden Club, Diamondhead Newcomers; Pass Christian Art Association; Gulf Coast Arts Council; Biloxi Art Association and Friends of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Charles W. Flink and Rene J. Augrain; her parents, William Robert and Hazel Strong Johnson Sr.; and brother William Robert Johnson Jr.

Survivors included son Charles W. Flink II of Greensboro, N.C.; daughter Barbara F. Bordelon of Thibodeaux, La.; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Sunday, July 9, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel, Bay St. Louis.

Friends may call on Monday, July 10, an hour prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church at Kiln.

A graveside service will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

## CARROLL S. BOWERS

Carroll Silverman Bowers, 84, of Waveland, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, in Gulfport.

Mr. Bowers was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for the past 16 years. He was a graduate of Alcee Fortier High School and was the owner of Chartres Antiques for 61 years. He was a member of the Congregation Temple Sinai, Historical Society of Bay St. Louis, Mid-America Appraisal Association and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine L. Bloch Bowers; a son, Robert I. Bowers of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Lawleen B. Kaplan of Alexandria, La., and Judith W. Bowers of River Ridge, La.; two stepdaughters, Ann B. Vogel of Kenner, La., and Bonnie B. Loewenstein of Slidell; and nine grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Sunday at Hebrew Rest Cemetery No. 3 in New Orleans. Sharp-Sontheimer-Sharp Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to a charity of one's choice.

## MABEL L. BROWN

Mabel Louise Brown, 85, of Waveland, died Friday, June 30, 2000, in Waveland.

Mrs. Brown was a native of Des Allemands, La. and a long-time resident of Hancock County where she worked in many drug stores in the community.

She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor for 50 years where she served with the Altar Society and the Ladies Sodality. Known as the Avon Lady of Clermont Harbor, she was a member of the Waveland Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Azelle Ockman. She was the wife of the late Bob Brown Sr., mother of Cynthia McCarty of Placerville, Calif., Bob Brown, Jr. of Mount, Minn., and Pat Cullifer of Waveland; sister of Norman Ockman of McNeil, Miss., Rita Mazares of New Orleans and Aurelie Hote of Waveland. Survivors also include four

grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in Lakeshore Cemetery.

## JAMES GAINUS

James Thomas Gainus, 55, died Saturday, July 1, 2000 in Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. Gainus was a native of Atmore, Ala., a former resident of Pensacola and current resident of Bay St. Louis. He was employed with Astro Mercury Ford as a service writer. He was a member of Sauflay heights Bellview Baptist Church in Pensacola.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Gainus.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Lillian Nettles and Robert C. Kaisi of Frisco City, Ala.; and a sister, Mary McAreavy of Monroeville, Ala.

Visitation was held Friday at Monroe Funeral Home in Frisco City. A service was held Saturday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Mexia Cemetery in Mexia, Ala.

## MADELINE GIARRUSSO

Madeline C. Giarrusso, 73, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Giarrusso was a native of New Orleans and was a member of the American Legion Post 139 Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Post 3253 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter Cadaro Sr. and Josephine Cardinale.

Survivors include her husband, Harold "Hap" Giarrusso Jr. of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Charles Giarrusso of New Orleans and Harold Giarrusso of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Cathy Giarrusso Palermo of Kenner, La., and Madelyn Giarrusso Leboeuf of Covington; two brothers, Raymond Cadaro of Metairie and Peter Cadaro Jr. of New Orleans; two sisters, Delores Walls and JoAnn Kennedy, both of Metairie; eight

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A private service was held. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers masses.

## VERA NAILS

Vera Nails, 79, of Kiln, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, in Kiln.

Mrs. Nails was sent from Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport to Benson Funeral Home in Dallas, Ga. for services and burial.

## GLORIA K. SMITH

Gloria Kellogg Smith, 63, of Terrytown, La., died Thursday, July 6, 2000, in Terrytown.

Mrs. Smith was a native of New Orleans and a long-time resident of Bay St. Louis and Terrytown. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and Christ the King Catholic Church in Terrytown. She was a legal secretary and a graduate of Redemptorist High School of New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Eleanor Kellogg; and two brothers, Milton Jr. and Larry Kellogg.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Henry Hilton Smith; two sons, Henry Hilton Smith Jr. and Allen Karl Smith, both of Terrytown; and a daughter, Lee Smith of Terrytown.

Visitation was Friday evening at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service was conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel followed by interment in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

## SHARON SPIERS

Sharon Spiers, 43, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, July 4, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Her body was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home in Kenner for services and burial.

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## Main Street Methodist offers summer events

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Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Carpenter stated "we have people who work, sit with 'shut-ins', have to go out of town, or do other things on Sunday and cannot make it to church." In order to meet the needs of individuals who cannot attend worship services on Sundays or who would also like to have a church to go to other than on Sunday, he has started a series based on the Sermon on the Mount called, "A Summer with The Sermon."

These sermons, which will last approximately 45 minutes each week, are a time to sing, pray, and study together with members of Main Street, members of other churches, and individuals who do not currently belong to a church. Each week a portion of the sermon will be studied, and the worship will be centered on that passage. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. A nursery will be available for children

under five years of age. The Children's March, a curriculum of activities, fun, and games for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, will be held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose building.

The instructors will be Misty and Christy Goff, twin sisters who are sophomores attending Millsaps College. Misty and Christy have a lot of experience with elementary school aged children, and they promise lots of fun for everyone.

The Children's March will be held to coincide with the Wednesday evening sermons, so there will be something for the entire family at Main Street United Methodist Church which is located at 162 Main Street in Bay St. Louis. For information about these or other programs at Main Street, please contact the church office at 467-4538.

## Card of Thanks

To: The Hotel Reed Nursing Home Staff and Employees

I would like to thank each and everyone of you that helped to care for my mother, Mrs. Thelma Nelson. Your care and concern for her was greatly appreciated.

Ed Herndon  
 & family

## In Memoriam

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Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles. I've only gone to rest a while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief. My going has eased the hurt and given relief. So dry your eyes and remember me. Not as now, but as I used to be. I will always remember you and reflect with a smile. Understand I've gone only to rest a while. As long as I have the love of each of you I will live life in the hearts of all of you. Sadly missed, We love you "Papa" Your Family

## Benefit slated for Griffin

There will be a benefit for Bruce Griffin for funeral expenses today, Sunday, from 2 p.m. until, at Boots's Brass Anchor Club.

Fish plates and chicken plates will be available for eat-in or take-out service. There will be life music and auctions. Donations appreciated. Call 467-7746.

## Account for Dr. Karabin

A benefit account has been set up at Whitney National Bank to help defray medical costs for Dr. Jerry Karabin, who was diagnosed last year with leukemia. Contact Marilyn Finch at the Waveland West branch of the bank for more details.

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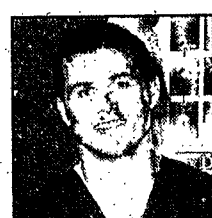
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## Arrests

*Editor's note: The following is a listing of arrests recorded at the Hancock County Justice Facility from June 30-July 7. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.*

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

Corrections: Ronald S. Arnold should have been listed as Robert A. Arnold in a resent arrest report. Austin D. Prowant was charged with a BUI instead of a DUI in last weeks report.

Eight illegals were held for the United States Border Patrol during this week.

•Richard Benton-Date of birth, 3/11/77-P/V.

•Jimmy Lee Wilson-Date of birth, 11/14/64-Grand Larceny.

•Michael A. Bye-Date of birth, 11/27/61-Mittimus.

•James Morrill-Date of birth, 9/14/43-C.O.C.

•Thomas Page-Date of birth, 12/12/30-P/V.

•Paul J. Saucier-Date of birth, 4/19/81-Robbery/aggravated assault.

•Stanley N. Smith-Date of birth, 2/29/60-Mittimus/60 days to serve.

•Linda Marie Werner-Date of birth, 1/11/70-1st DUI/careless driving.

•Robert V. Vogle-Date of birth, 10/18/49-Public drunk/disorderly conduct.

•Mark Ladner-Date of birth, 1/24/63-DUI/disorderly conduct/resisting arrest/reckless driving/failure to yield to a siren/improper tag/no seatbelt.

•Jason a. Delle-Date of birth, 6/27/80-Disorderly conduct.

•Timothy Allen Reid-Date of birth, 1/31/71-Public drunk/disturbing the peace, domestic.

•Wilie D. Graves Jr.-Date of birth, 7/14/71-2nd DUI/reckless driving.

•Naurice Summers-Date of birth, 4/24/67-Disturbance of family.

•Tommy Clark Flot-Date of birth, 1/27/61-Public drunk.

•Carolyn Crain-Date of birth, 7/14/71-Disorderly conduct.

•Fred A. Bye-Date of birth, 8/9/58-Suspended d/I.

•Dennis A. Roubion Jr.-Date of birth, 9/5/77-DUI/speeding.

•Sherie M. Morel-Date of birth, 2/13/62-Disturbance of family, domestic.

•Michael V. Sears-Date of birth, 12/8/61-Disturbance of family, domestic.

•James D. Murff-Date of birth, 1/15/57-DUI/littering/expired inspection sticker.

•Ernie J. Lizana-Date of birth, 4/28/68-Possession of contraband in a correctional facility.

•Jean Oscar Maisonneuve-Date of birth, 1/31/58-Public drunk.

•Emanuel R. Antoine Jr.-Date of birth, 7/6/71-Carrying a concealed weapon/public drunk/disorderly conduct.

•Jon Brent Jordan-Date of birth, 1/7/80-Driving with a suspended d/I/Seatbelt violation.

•Steven S. Moran-Date of birth, 9/11/69-BUI.

•Losery R. Maisonneuve-Date of birth, 9/18/62-BUI.

•Benson E. Dykes-Date of birth, 7/11/70-Public drunk.

•Harold Steve Hansen-Date of birth, 10/28/63-3rd DUI/suspended d/I.

•Adam Joseph Saltalamaccia-Date of birth, 6/14/79-Simple possession of marijuana/assault on a police officer/ disorderly conduct/resisting arrest by flight/public drunk.

•Ernie D. Lizana-Date of birth, 4/28/68-Grand larceny.

•Laura E. Bergeron-Date of birth, 7/13/64-Simple assault, domestic.

•Toni W. Donnelly-Date of birth, 1/22/64-Possession of drug paraphernalia/improper equipment.

•Gene Bergeron-Date of birth, 8/9/50-Simple assault, domestic.

•Carlos Singleton-Date of birth, 4/3/77-Disorderly conduct/resisting arrest by flight.

•Joseph Alford-Date of birth, 6/12/79-1st DUI.

•Lawrence W. Dechamp-Date of birth, 7/11/53-1st DUI/careless driving.

•Craig Cuevas-Date of birth, 2/20/71-P/V.

•Krystal Bilead-Date of birth, 3/25/75-Disturbance of family, domestic.

•George Brewer-Date of birth, 7/26/68-Disturbance of family, domestic.

•Judy Lynn Jarrell-Date of birth, 9/2/54-Simple assault, domestic.

•Bryant Schivers-Date of birth, 8/3/59-House arrest violation.

•Roy Artes Phillips-Date of birth, 11/1/75-Disturbance of family, domestic.

•Stanley N. Smith-Date of birth, 2/29/60-Mittimus/60 days to serve.

•Peter E. Williams-Date of birth, 11/26/75-Shoplifting.

•Tanicka S. Wheeler-Date of birth, 8/19/80-Shoplifting.

•Charles W. Maddan-Date of birth, 12/29/62-Bad check.

•Sylvia Martin-Date of birth, 9/10/52-Shoplifting/disturbance of peace/contempt of court.

•Donald V. Green-Date of birth, 3/26/71-Disorderly conduct.

•Robert Earl Fields-Date of birth, 8/22/70-DUI/reckless driving/speeding/no helmet.

•David Carpenter-Date of birth, 3/29/50-Public drunk.

•Carlos R. Singleton-Date of birth, 4/30/77-Burglary of an Automobile.

•Gerald M. Christmas-Date of birth, 11/5/63-Capias.

•William R. McNeil-Date of birth, 8/17/53-Forgery/resisting arrest.

•Ernie Lizana-Date of birth, 4/28/68-Escape.

•Juan Gerald Estrade-Date of birth, 6/29/69-P/V.

•Steve Berg-Date of birth, 2/2/67-Felony DUI.

•Muriel Lemoine-Date of birth, 2/22/45-Simple assault.

•James A. Schwartz-Date of birth, 9/11/68-Trespass x 2/simple assault/disturbance of family.

•Kathleen Schwartz-Date of birth, 8/26/62-Simple assault.

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## Supevisors get glimpse of garbage woes

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors Monday got a chance to see the garbage fee collection problem faced daily by Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar.

Almost two years ago, supervisors assigned Kellar the unpleasant and thankless task of dealing with hundreds of mostly rural residents who are in arrears on garbage bills. Some have not paid since a \$5 monthly fee was imposed on residents in unincorporated areas of the county in 1994, and the total uncollected hover at more than \$500,000.

Kellar, who also serves as the county administrator, has complained loud and clear that dealing with delinquent residents is time consuming and keeps him from his other duties.

At Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors had an unexpected visitor.

He was McCormick Wheeler, a former candidate for county Sheriff, who lives at the end of a dead end street in the Greenwood Park subdivision.

Wheeler came to complain that the tax assessor refused to issue him a vehicle license tag because he was more than \$300s in arrears on his garbage

bill. "I've lived back there for 38 years, and I'm yet to see any garbage truck come back there. I don't have any garbage," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said he has nine dogs who eat food scraps.

"What happens to your paper and tin cans and bottles," District 4 supervisor Steve Seymour asked Wheeler.

"I recycle everything," Wheeler snapped. "I'm 75 years old. I don't get food stamps. I don't get no meals on wheels."

He said he burns paper in an open barrel, crushes the cans and sells them when he collects enough, and also recycles bottles and plastic containers.

County attorney Gerald Gex told Wheeler legislation passed years ago says anyone in a livable dwelling with electricity has to pay for garbage pickup.

Wheeler said he doesn't have electricity hooked up to his home. He said he gets his electricity from neighbor, who, in return gets free water from him.

Supervisors told Wheeler he is required by law to pay his garbage bill, and Wheeler threatened to take his vehicle to Louisiana and get a license tag for it.

Gex told Wheeler if he claims

homestead exemption in that privilege if he carried out Hancock County he would lose his threat.

## Harrison supers endorse regional mental facility

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Help might be on the way for Hancock and other counties struggling to provide living quarters for their mentally ill.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors Wednesday agreed to pursue establishing a regional transitional living center for people who have been committed to a mental hospital, but can't get in Whitfield, the state's only psychiatric hospital.

The proposed regional center, patterned after one that already exists in Harrison County, has received tentative support from Hancock and Stone Counties, and Pearl River supervisors are pondering whether they will participate.

Hancock County Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar has the task of calling an inquiry to determine if someone is mentally ill, and ordering the person committed temporarily to a psychiatric hospital.

Currently, the county contracts with Gulf Oaks Hospital in Biloxi, and they provide temporary counseling, medication and shelter for \$325 per day.

County Comptroller Patty Greer said Hancock supervisors set aside \$306,000 this fiscal

year for the care of the mentally ill, and through June expended about \$109,000.

Harrison County currently spends about \$733,000 a year on its transitional living center, and supervisors said with the participation of other counties, that cost should decrease.

The site will provide \$600,000 as long as the participating counties' pool of funds reaches \$733,000, according to Tom Pritchard, business manager for the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center. The current facility on County Barn Road in Gulfport has 19 beds and six seclusion rooms, but a site for the regional center has not been selected. The motion passed Wednesday by supervisors is not binding until the other counties sign an inter-local agreement with Gulf Coast Mental Health Center.

There was at least one supervisor who was not optimistic about inter-local participation.

District 2 Supervisor Larry Benefield voted for the motion, but said neighboring counties in the past have reneged on regional agreements and left Harrison holding the bag.

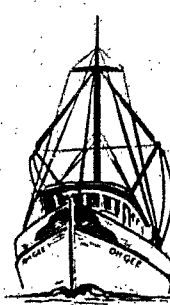
"We can't even kill mosquitoes together," said Benefield.

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# Editorial

## Two Coast lawmakers privy to retirement fiasco

No one knew it was there. Lt. Governor Amy Tuck didn't know. The vast majority of the 174 members of the Mississippi legislature claim they didn't know it was there. Not even the media knew it was there. But it was! And it was voted on and approved by a landslide. And Governor Ronnie Musgrove allowed it to become law.

It, of course, was the wording in a conference committee bill giving members of the legislature twice the retirement benefits of other state workers and teachers.

Public outcry forced Musgrove to implement damage control and call a special session of the legislature to repeal the retirement benefit. That one day special session cost state taxpayers about \$30,000.

But why didn't anyone know the language was in the bill in the first place? Very simple really. Conference committees are exempt from the state's open meetings law. It was a closed door meeting. Top secret, no citizens, no other lawmakers, no media. Just the six members of the committee.

One thing is for certain, the six members of that committee had to know what the bill contained. And we know who they are. Three were appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and three by the Speaker of the House. Unfortunately, two are from the Coast area, Senator Tommy Robertson, R-Moss Point and Representative John Read, D-Gautier. The others are Senator Bill Minor, D-Holly Springs; Senator Bill Canon, R-Columbus; Representative Johnny Stringer, D-Montrose; and Representative Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland.

A one time disaster? Hardly. Try business as usual. For instance, nothing prevents a conference committee member from attempting to slip his or her pet project into an unrelated bill and hope no one catches it until it's too late. And it often is. Various committees are constantly meeting. And when one meets with a hidden agenda, especially at the end of the regular session, it makes it that much more difficult to catch.

The simple solution of course is to apply the state's open meeting laws and invite the public into these conference committee meetings. After all, they are our representatives and they are dealing with our tax money.

## TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor  
Phil Bryant  
COUNTIES

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Q May an election commissioner receive reimbursement for travel incurred in conducting elections?

A No. Election commissioners can only be reimbursed for travel when they perform official duties other than purging registration books and conducting elections with the prior approval of the board of supervisors. (Attorney General's Opinion to Pruett dated February 12, 1999)

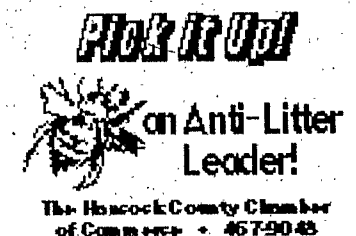
Q Must the board of supervisors obtain an appraisal prior to negotiating to purchase real property?

A Yes. Section 43-37-3 requires that supervisors obtain an appraisal prior to negotiating to acquire real property and that the owner is to be notified of the appraised fair market value. However, the owner has the option of selling for less than the appraised fair market value after said notification.

Q How much may a juror be paid for mileage?

A A juror may be paid the amount authorized under 25-3-41, which is \$.20/mile, or the federal mileage rate if the board of supervisors has entered an order allowing the federal rate.

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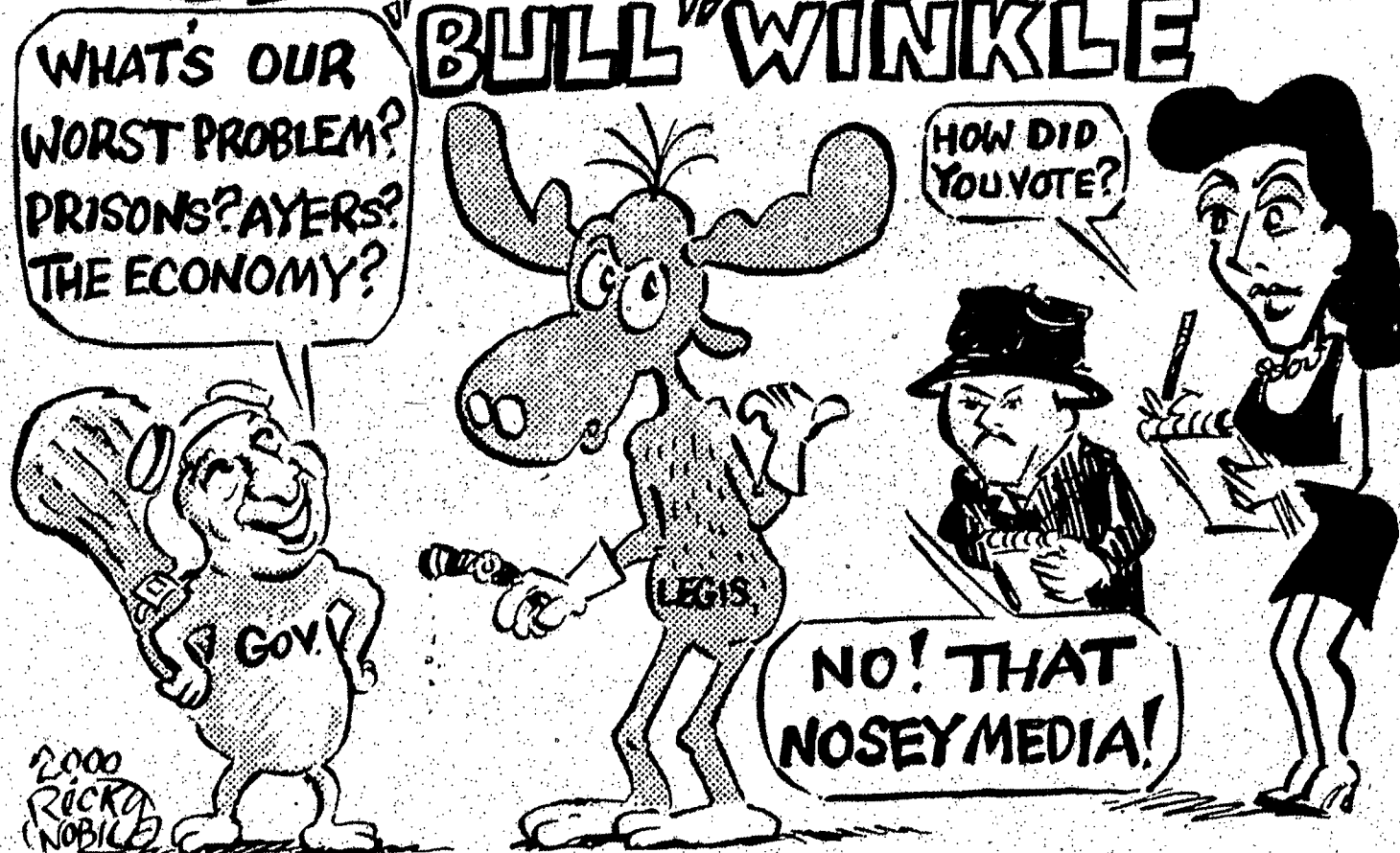
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## "CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Congratulations are in order for David Treutel Sr. upon his being selected for the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club's Vocational Excellence Award for 1999-2000.

Treutel was born in New Orleans and as a youngster resided with his family in the old Hancock County community of Logtown. His family later moved to Bay St. Louis where he attended St. Joseph's Academy and then St. Stanislaus.

Dave was a classmate of mine for his last five years at St. Stanislaus. He received a BA from Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business and then accepted a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

He was a president of Peoples Savings and Loan Association in Bay St. Louis and also served as president of the Mississippi Savings and Loan League.

Dave has been and still is active in Treutel Insurance Agency in Bay St. Louis.

He has been involved in community activities all of his life and is very active in Our Lady of the Gulf's St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Council and Bay Catholic Elementary. He is past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and is active in many other community organizations.

Dave Treutel Sr. is very deserving to be so honored by the Bay St. Louis Rotary.

I know his family and friends are very proud of his professional and civic accomplishments over the years.

Congratulations again, Dave.

The Hancock County Water and Sewer District now has a new director, Ted Gauthier.

Gauthier is very familiar with the area since he has resided in Jourdan River Shores for many years and commuted to a job in New Orleans.

The Water and Sewer District is now very active, as sewer service is spreading all over the southern area. Water service is also being provided to several areas.

The new office was recently opened on Highway 90 for the district. It is the old Bay Seafood Building, which was renovated and has been nicely landscaped.

A few shrubs can really make the difference in how a business looks.

Our Water and Sewer District has really been meeting the challenge, and I am sure it will continue to provide the services necessary for the entire county.

With Gauthier at the helm of day-to-day leadership of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District, I feel the county will continue to move forward into the 21st century.

It is great. The grant received by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors from the Forestry Commission is beginning the county's Gateway Enhancement Project.

The Mississippi Forestry Commission 2000 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Assistance Grant totals some \$13,181 in monies and in-kind services.

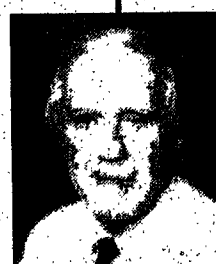
It involves the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Hancock County Library System, in addition to the Forestry Commission.

Some \$6,500 comes from the Forestry Commission, \$2,000 from the Chamber of Commerce and \$1,500 from the supervisors, in addition to in-kind services from chamber, county and Hancock County Library System.

The Gateway Enhancement Project came out of the chamber's Visions 2000 Committee which visited Fairhope and Daphne, Ala. and Madison, Miss.

This is a start of something which can lead to great things for our community. It just goes to show you that a dream can become a reality when folks see fit to work together.

I feel we are getting a good start as Hancock County moves into the 21st century. We need to continue to enhance our community from on end to the other.



## EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

### The impact the press can have . . .

Only when Pike County dairy farmer Hollis Alford phoned me just to express his appreciation for my part in focusing public indignation that forced the Legislature to rescind its new retirement baubles did I realize how much impact the press can have, even on hard-to-move lawmakers.

Naturally, a number of us press types were castigated in the floor debate by fuming legislators, at the special session, especially in the Senate, because we had held their feet to the fire with the printed word. That's nothing new.

Beating up on the press has always been a favorite pastime of politicians.

Unless you have a thick skin, you shouldn't be in this business in the first place. C'est la guerre, as the French would say.

But if, in the end, legislators, even grudgingly, admit they've done something they can't get away with and then correct it, the press will have served its intended role in our democratic society.

What is most heart-warming is that in this whole episode the public at large has become aware as never before of the value of a vigorous free press.

Meantime, the Mississippi Legislature has done the right thing and wiped out the juicy SLURP (my acronym for the Separate Legislative Retirement Plan) goodies they had voted themselves in the dying hours of the 2000 session. By putting themselves in this predicament, lawmakers have now opened all their perks to more intense scrutiny.

The question is: What are they going to do to clean up their act and eliminate some costly special privileges they enjoy at the expense of taxpayers in this relatively poor state.

If they are smart, legislators will apply the scalpel to the whole body of financial benefits they have built over the years. For starters, they need to call a halt to the chronic abusers of the system, some who are obvious from the State Auditor's latest report of how much each lawmaker was paid for the year ending in May.

The \$10,000-a-year salary for legislators that has remained unchanged for over a decade is far too low and should be raised, I'll readily admit.

However, instead of being courageous enough to vote to increase it upfront so the people will know what they're doing, legislators have been concocting all sorts of hidden fringe benefits to enhance their pay.

To boot, since the late 1980s they added lucrative retirement benefits for themselves.

As discussed in this column last week, lawmakers started off in the 1980s by installing a per diem, purportedly to cover room and board each day they live in Jackson. The figure - now \$94 - is the maximum allowed by the IRS.

Everybody gets it each day in session or between-session committee meetings, whether or not they reside in Jackson or some nearby county and commute each day to their hometown. How much they keep from their per diem is between them and their friendly IRS agent.

More importantly, however, lawmakers, unlike other public officials such as supreme court judges, get credit toward retirement for the amount of their per diem allowance.

That's what made the doubled legislative retirement benefits stuck into a complex bill at the 2000 session designed primarily to provide a new buy-out option in the Public Employees Retirement System for state workers and teachers that more egregious.

Every informed person in the state no doubt became aware in this debacle of the power of conference committees in the final stage of enacting legislation. And that they - six people - operate behind closed doors.

That is only part of the problem, as made evident in the sneaky manner the little legislative gems suddenly appeared on the table for the first time as lawmakers were wrapping up the 2000 session.

Until about 10 years ago, I would estimate, there was a hard and fast rule - certainly in the Senate - that nothing that had not been passed by either one or both houses, could be considered by the joint conference committee. In other words, conferees could not write NEW legislation.

Somehow there has crept into the legislative process, mostly coming from the House side in the Tim Ford years, a dangerous practice of sticking new matter never approved after floor debate into the conference version of bills.

Now this bad habit has caught the Legislature with its hand in the cookie jar, and it ought to stop. The joint rules of both houses should go back to the days when no entirely new matter can be inserted in a conference version of a bill.

Sadly, the promise of reform in 1988 that House Speaker



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## Lang -- crusader for kids

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shining eyes that showed me her strength came from deep inside. Miss Geraldine Lang was born 84 years ago in Louisiana, a farmers daughter, one of eleven children.

"But there were always more around," Lange said. "My mother and father, they were always taking in other children and it seems there was always at least fourteen or so around." Lang giggled. "I used to go out to the tracks and collect people who had no where to eat and bring them home and mama would say, Geraldine, how in the world are we going to feed all these people."

But they always found a way because my parents loved to help other people. I suppose I grew up learning to help others the way they did.

"Even though we didn't have a lot, we always had enough to eat, especially strawberries ... it was real different then ... you spent a part of every year work-

ing with your parents in the fields, harvesting and when you were done with yours, you went on to help your neighbors harvest their sugar cane, sweet potatoes, carrots ... wash everything, tie it in bundles, ice it down, and send it off to other places," Lang said. "Then all that money you got went to pay all the bills you had run up along the way."

Lang said that with all the work it didn't always leave a lot of time for school and just getting through a school year sometimes took a while.

"Later after I was married, I went back and got my G.E.D. and then just kept on going to different workshops and classes," Lang said. "I guess that's one reason I want to try to help kids learn and get an education and have a chance in life ... I learned to help myself and I want to use that to help others learn to help themselves ... to help people in need you have to

know what need is and I sure know that."

In fact, now that Lang is retired, helping others is her job, or her calling, as she says.

"God meant for me to help and gave me the strength to do so ... but it's not like waving a magic wand ... I try to pass on the things I've learned ... if people would just use their mistakes to learn from, then it would be a better day," Lang said. "I wish we could reach all the babies and bring them up the right way and teach them some sense right from the beginning." "The old saying goes that if you bend the sapling when it's young it won't stray far from the tree, and even if it does, it will snap back."

"There's one thing I don't have patience for, I take issue with people who are full of contempt ... people who don't know any better are always looking for the bad in things instead of

the good ... I like to sit them down and say, smile and be friendly, and that creates another smiling friendly person."

"I think if we could all just work together more instead of on separate projects all over the place, we could help a lot more people and do a lot more good. Working together is our strength and we need to be strong for our children ... they are our only future."

Currently Lang is also working on ideas to help people who have been in prison to be able to re-enter the community and find jobs.

"We all make mistakes, and we should all have to face the consequences and pay for our mistakes," Lang said. "But when we have paid, we should get a chance to do good ... I am going to ask the governor for help ... he seems to be a good man ... and I've gotten to be a pretty good politician."

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## Marina

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increase in traffic and noise in the area, obstruction of views, cost, financing, environmental concerns, and alternative sites.

Tim Blocker, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting and Mike Walker, Assistant director of Ecology were mediators at the meeting.

"In my experience with public hearings, I consider the opposition that I heard to the project to be minimal," Blocker said. He explained the permitting process.

"The city submits an application to us then we do a site visit and look at the feasibility of the location ... after this we send letters to appropriate agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Quality, National Marine Fisheries as well as running public notices. People have about a month in which to voice concerns and if there are concerns we call a meeting like the one on Wednesday night to hear what people have to say," Blocker said.

Ward 2 Alderman, Ricky Geoffrey said he feels that most

of his neighbors are concerned about what the project would do to the quiet, relaxed atmosphere at the beach.

"I think if we are going to work on a project there, it should be to continue the improvements on our pier, the kids love it there," Geoffrey said. "If we are going to make improvements, let's make improvements for our kids, not build something that will take from them ... do we really want this huge Marina on our beach?"

Allie Kramer, who lives a block and a half from the proposed site agrees with Geoffrey.

"Everyone spoke against this project, this area is supposed to be residential, not a noisy busy area ... My grand children love to fish and swim and my neighbor loves to take her book to the pier in the evenings and watch the sun set and the stars come up because it is so quiet and peaceful ... don't we even get a vote on this?"

Neighbor Jimmy Crane said he is very concerned by the apparent lack of communication between the city and resi-

dents on the subject of the Marina.

"We should have been more informed ... I think the magnitude of this project is way out of line for the location and is against everything that I am in Waveland for ... a small quiet community and a safe place for my children to be," Crane said.

Ward 4 Alderman, Charles Piazza, agrees.

"As far as I can tell there are a lot of people opposed to this project and I expect that as time goes on and plans become more firm, there will be a lot more voicing there concerns," Piazza said.

"Of course we are concerned with the minority concerns," Blocker said. "These plans are not etched in stone and we want to work with people to come up with a solution that will please everyone ... but if there is going to be a Marina in Waveland, it is going to be in front of someone's house, and you can't ever please everyone."

Blocker says that as far as DMR is concerned the site at the foot of Coleman Ave. is the only feasible site for the project

because it provides the most storm protection and does not interfere with shell fish reefs or sea grass beds.

"We want to set a precedence with this project for a more modern type marina that addresses all the environmental concerns and we are working hard to do that," Blocker said.

Last month the City of Waveland voted to appropriate money for a feasibility study and cost estimate on the project. All items regarding the marina will be held pending receipt of the results, which will be done by an independent engineering firm. The firm will do an extensive study of the plans to let the city know if the project can support itself. Cost of construction, materials, market for the product, what similar businesses are charging for like services and even such things such as the cost of the Harbor Master's salary will be considered. The study must be complete before the city could apply for any funding. Until then, plans remain on the drawing board.

## Jury rejects man's employment sexual discrimination lawsuit

A federal court jury has rejected a sex-discrimination lawsuit filed by an unsuccessful male applicant for a faculty position at the University of Southern Mississippi.

An eight-member jury of the Southern District of U.S. District Court rendered a verdict recently rejecting the lawsuit filed by Dr. Joe L. Green, a retired professor at LSU-Shreveport who spent more than 30 years in the Louisiana state educational system.

Green, 64, filed suit in April 1999 alleging USM illegally discriminated against him on the basis of his sex and his age in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering dismissed the age complaint on a pre-trial motion, according to assistant USM legal counsel Joy Beedle, and the jury found against Green on the gender complaint to conclude a two-day trial. The lawsuit stemmed from the university's search initiated in January 1998 to fill a faculty position in its Department of

Educational Leadership and Research, in the field of educational foundations.

After reviewing approximately 15 applications, the search committee narrowed the field to two finalists - Green and a female applicant under the age of 40. When the search committee could not agree on a single candidate for the job, a poll of departmental faculty was taken. The poll also resulted in a split - five votes for the plaintiff, two votes for the other candidate and seven votes to continue the search.

The department chair and the dean of the College of Education and Psychology then determined it would be in the university's best interest to hire neither candidate, in light of the divided faculty opinion.

"As a result of this decision, the position was frozen and the candidates were notified that they would not be offered the position. Subsequently, the position was never filled and has now been eliminated from the departmental budget," the university noted in its motion for dismissal.

## Murder

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iff's office was made by David Hilton of Sam's Air Conditioning who was responding to a call to check her cooling unit out, Lambert said.

Several possible suspects of the murder have been questioned, yet there were no arrests made in connection with the murder at press time, Garber said.

The time of death was estimated between 11 p.m. and midnight Tuesday. Lambert said, adding that Spier's according to the autopsy was a drug user.

Spier's mother resides in the area and has been thus far too

upset to talk, Garber said.

A lot of evidence has been gathered from the crime scene and the sheriff's department is preparing it for the Crime Lab.

Garber said in addition to Lambert, investigators Kenny Hurt, Phillip Pavolini and Matt Karl along with Chief of Patrol Bobby Underwood are all involved in the investigation.

Lambert said, "If anyone has any additional information it could possibly be helpful, no matter how small in helping solve the murder. Just give a call to the sheriff's office at 467-5101 and speak to the sheriff, myself or any investigator."

## Eyes

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Ford rode in on has fallen by the wayside as key reformers back then have left. And Ford has overstayed the two-term limit initially set. We've heard in recent years about outrageous pork-barrel projects being obscurely stuck into the federal budget bill by Congressional conferees, and then the bill

rammed through Congress in the dying moments of the session before many members know what has happened.

Certainly the little state of Mississippi, which needs to watch carefully where every penny goes and why, doesn't need to adopt the worst habits of the U.S. Congress.

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All contestants must be at least 18 to enter and weigh at least 160 pounds. The Heavyweight Division is 185-400 pounds and the Light

Heavyweight Division is 160-184 pounds.

Additionally, there is a special Toughwoman Contest. Women contestants will have only one weight class. Anyone may enter the Toughman or Toughwoman competition as long as the participant has no prior boxing experience. To enter, call Toughman at 1-800-99-TOUGH.

Toughman has been the springboard for such celebrities as Tommy Morrison, Greg Haugen, Mr. T, and Eric "Butter Bean" Esch.

The Toughman/Toughwoman

concept was conceived and started in Bay City, Michigan by local businessman, Art Dore.

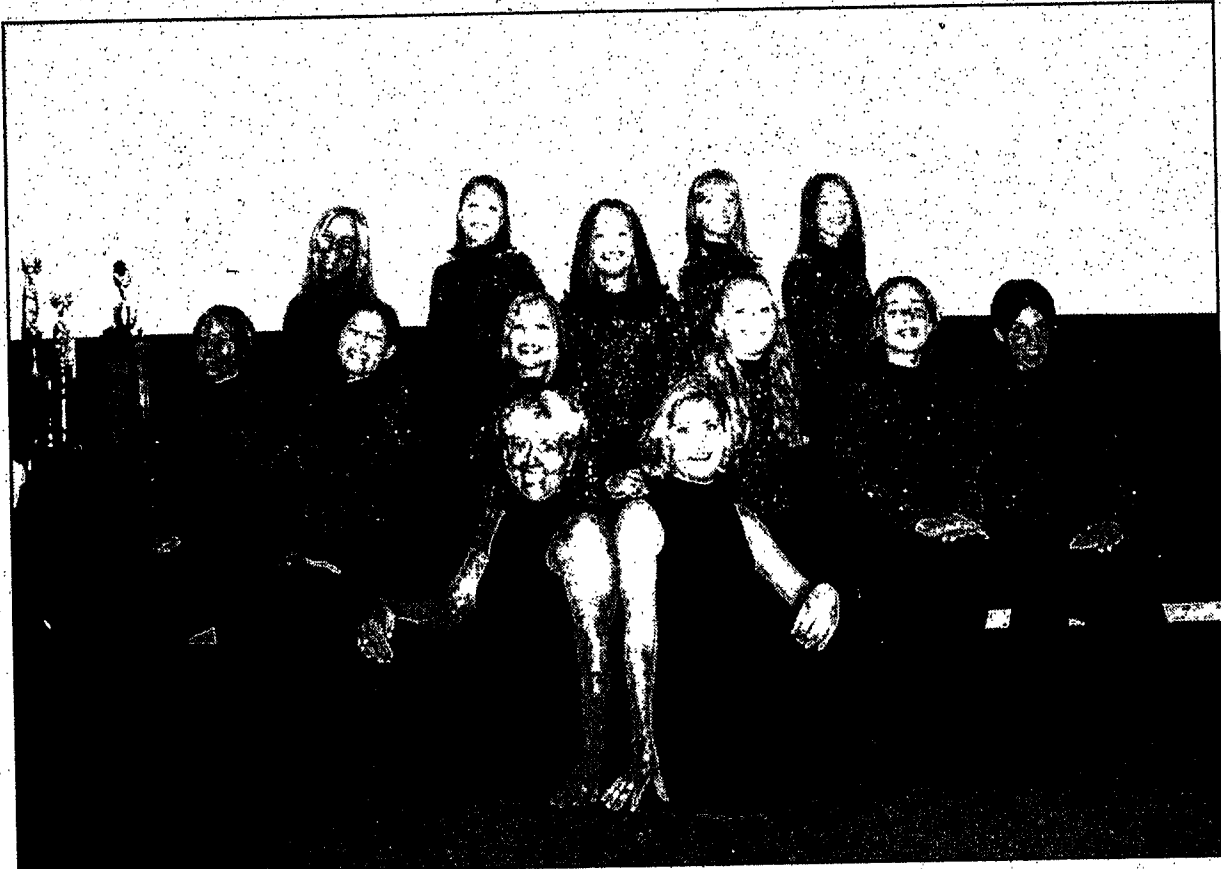
It all began when Dore rented a local arena and opened it to guys who wanted to prove their toughness. He says fight fans get to see what they really want: the hometown heroes at various skill levels with lots of guts.

For information about the event, call the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis event hotline at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, extension 4015. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend. The event is subject to change.

## Stingettes Dance Team

Members of the Stingettes Dance Team are polishing their routines in preparation for the upcoming football season. They will be part of the pregame and half-time activities for the newly formed Mississippi Gulf Coast StingRays NFL football team. Members include, top row from left, Rachel Heffner, Cally Treadway, Sarah Melaney, Kalyn McNair and Jaclyn Houston; middle row, Victoria Stockstill, Jeanette Craft, Mallory Stewart, Caitlyn Vaughn, Lexi King and Stephanie Blanchard; first row, Karen Jerrell and Kimberly Wilbanks Kirby, directors.

Photo by Ken Short



## Local heroes get new chance to excel with Gulf Coast StingRays

BY DWAYNE BREMER

For many former local football stars, the Gulf Coast StingRays is a dream come true. It's a second chance to play the game they love. The StingRays will field seven former Bay High Tigers, four former Hancock Hawks, three Pass High Pirates and one St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaw.

"The fans in the community came out and cheered for these guys in high school," head coach Matt Karl said. "It's going to fun to see them play on the next level."

Ask anyone who follows local football about Brian Laneaux, and you will usually get the same response. Laneaux was a dominating running back for the Bay High Tigers from 1984 to 1988. Laneaux still holds several school records, and is widely considered to be one of the best football players to ever play at Bay High.

Laneaux, however, was overshadowed in his playing days by a quarterback out of the Kiln named Brett Farve. Laneaux never went to college, and regretted some bad decisions that he's made.

"I was young, and had some bad luck," Laneaux said. "I've grown up a lot on and off the field since then, and I am thankful for the opportunity I have now."

Laneaux will be one of the feature backs for the StingRays. "Brian is a great talent, we are very happy to have him," Karl said.

Scott Pepperman will fill the

all important place kicker spot for the StingRays. Pepperman never played football, but he was a star in soccer at St. Stanislaus and Bay High in the early 1990's. "I'm pretty accurate with my kicks," said Pepperman. "I always have been able to strike a ball -- a football just takes a little longer getting use to."

Charlie Mitchell, who played at Bay High, is in a heated quarterback battle with another former Tiger quarterback Jonathan Farve. "I think it's wonderful to have the chance to play here in Bay St. Louis again, and I am really excited," Mitchell said.

The StingRay offensive line will be anchored at the tackle spot by two brothers, Desmond and Miguel Smith. Miguel played at Hancock from 1992 to 1994, and Desmond played at Hancock from 1996 to 1999. "It's exciting to be playing with my brother," said Miguel. "We never have played on the same team, but I think we will push each other to both be better."

The StingRays will open the season next Saturday afternoon, as they host the Memphis Samurais. Next Saturday's game is a pre-season game, and it will take place at Hancock High School field at 3 p.m. Admission is \$3.

The regular season starts on July 29, when the StingRays travel to Baton Rouge. The first StingRays home game will be on August 5 at 7:30 p.m. Home games will be played at St. Stanislaus field.

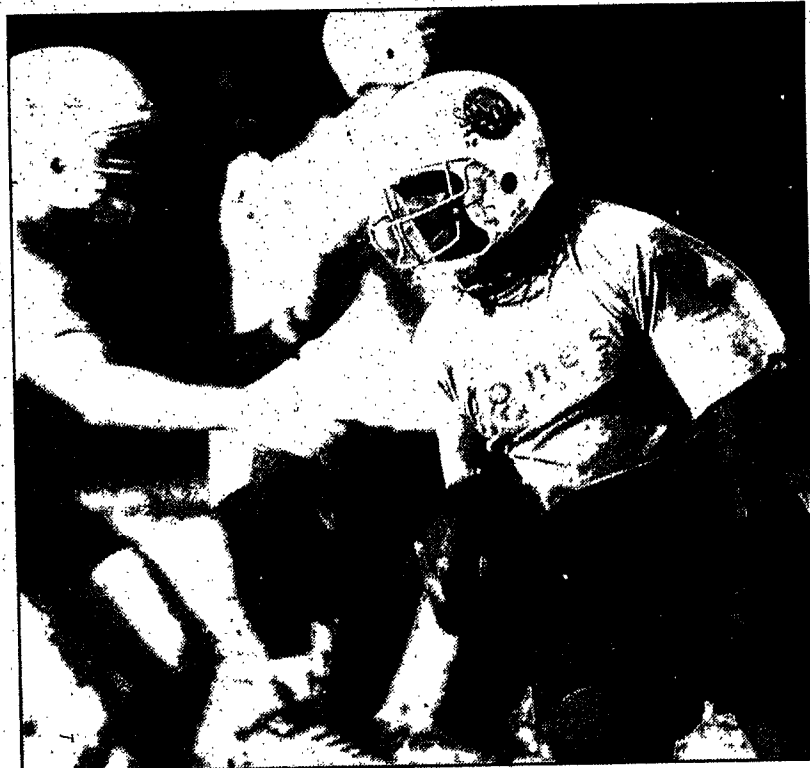
## Mini Dance Camp offered for girls 4 years to 6th grade

A Mini Dance Camp for girls 4 years old to sixth grade is being sponsored by the Gulf Coast StingRays Dance Team.

The girls who attend this camp will also have the opportunity to perform at one of NAFL Gulf Coast StingRays home games.

Date of the camp is July 11, 6-8 p.m. behind the St. Stanislaus baseball field. Cost is \$20 per child, which includes a StingRays T-shirt, a snack, and a souvenir. The child should have money to buy drinks.

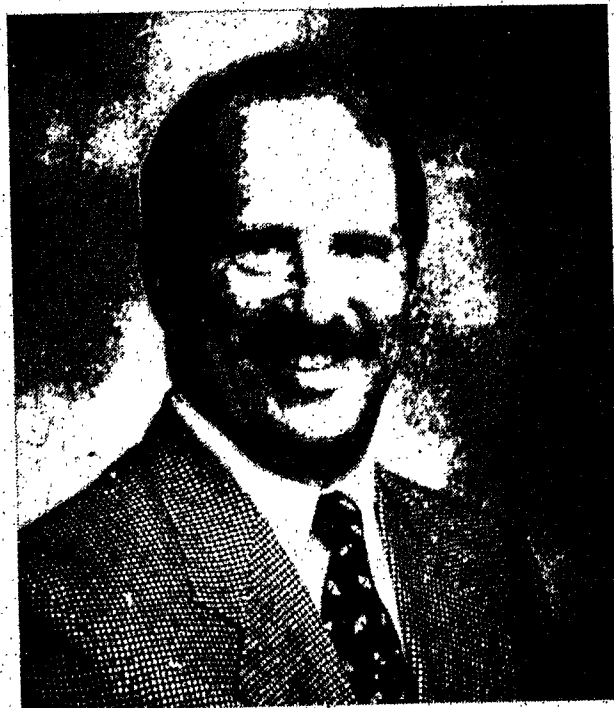
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Former Bay High star Brian Laneaux takes a handoff at a recent StingRay practice.

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### Students train for championship

Gulf Coast Shotokan Karate students, under the direction of 4th Degree Black Belt owner and instructor Rannie Ladner, have been training for the 2000 AAU National Karate Championship held in Richmond, Va. during the week of June 26-July 3. In order for these students to participate in this national championship they also had to participate and qualify in a Regional Championship held May 6 at the Bay High gymnasium. There were various states attending, among them Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, and Missouri. Competition in Richmond will consist of Kata and Kumite. Kata, which is a series of coordinated movements in a routine, and Kumite, which is fighting, is demonstrated by powerful, but controlled techniques. This tournament will qualify students to participate in the Junior Olympics in Orlando, Fla. in August.

## Break of Dawn scholarship awards banquet set July 28

The Break of Dawn Youth Enhancement Facility is preparing for its 2nd annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. The event will be hosted at the United Methodist Gulfside Assembly in Waveland July 28, 950 South Beach Blvd. in Hoosier Hall. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m.

"We have a wonderful lineup of entertainment for the evening," said a spokesperson. "The St. Rose Choir, The Handmaidens of the Lord (dance group), and local artists will present their work, and we have two honorary guest speakers, Jarvis McInnis and Rip Daniels. This will be a fun-filled evening, and we would like to invite the entire Gulf Coast community to come and meet our year 2000 scholarship recipients."

Tickets are available for a donation of \$10 per ticket. Ticket information can be obtained by calling Galen Smith, Sr. (228) 463-9862 or e-mail smithge@navo.navy.mil. "The support of the community will make our event a huge success. If you are unable to attend, please find it in your heart to make a contribution in support of our community youth to the Break of Dawn Scholarship Fund," the spokesperson said.

Contributions can be mailed to: Break of Dawn Youth Enhancement Facility, Inc. Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2602, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-2602.

The Break of Dawn Youth Enhancement Facility is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit the charitable and educational purpose of the Break of Dawn.

Scholarship recipients are:

**Shavon Adele Tate**  
Bay St. Louis High School

Tate is the daughter of Meide and Joan Tate. She is 18 years old and has been a resident of Bay St. Louis all her life. She graduated from Bay High

School with honors, maintained a 3.8 GPA and ranked seventh in her graduating class of 140.

Tate received the following awards: The President's Academic Excellence Award, The J.R.O.T.C. Daughter's of American Revolution Award, the Principals Award, and is a two-year recipient of Who's Who Among American Students.

She won first place in the NAACP Black History Oratorical Contest, and first place in the Jr. Daughters and Jr. Knights of St. Peter Claver Gulf Coast Conference essay contest.

Tate has also received the following scholarships: Dillard University Presidential Scholarship, Katrina McDonald Scholarship, Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver District and local scholarships, Xavier University Academic Scholarship, and a Pearl River Community College Academic Scholarship.

She will attend Dillard University in New Orleans this fall majoring in physical therapy.

**Heather Malley**  
Pass Christian High School

Malley was born and reared in Pass Christian. She was graduated from Pass Christian High School with honors.

During high school, she was a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Health Occupations Students of America. She is also a member of the Catholic Youth Organization at Our Mother or Mercy Church in Pass Christian.

After summer vacation, Malley intends to study premed at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She eventually hopes to pursue a career as a pediatrician, specializing in neonatology, the care of newborns.

Heather is the daughter of Marvin and Debra Malley of Pass Christian. She has one older sister, Sonya.

## FSA offering beginning farmers' loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has loan funds to help socially disadvantaged beginning farmers, including minorities, buy land for farming or to operate farms in Pearl River/Hancock/Harrison County, said David Warrington, state executive director.

Under this program enacted by Congress, socially disadvantaged are Women, Hispanics, Native Americans, African

Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders. FSA can also provide other loan assistance, including operating loans, and advice, if needed, to help the beginning farmer get started.

People who think they may be eligible, whether they already are in farming or would like to become farmers, are urged to contact the FSA county office in their area, said Warrington.

# Conservation Corner



## Wynn named Philanthropist of the Year

By James L. Cummins, Jr.

The Mississippi Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives has recently named Leila Clark Wynn the Philanthropist of the Year for the year 2000.

"I am fortunate to have known Leila Wynn for almost 10 years and I hope, many more to come. I remember attending a dedication for Hodding Carter, III, several years ago and while we were in the crowd, she asked me if she needed to make a contribution to the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation that year. That's rare."

Mississippi is fortunate that Leila moved to the Magnolia State after being born, raised and educated in Texas.

She left Texas to obtain a BA

from Smith College in Massachusetts but returned for her MA from the University of Texas.

Leila continued her education at the University of Mississippi and Delta State. A long marriage produced four children, three of them Millsaps graduates. Leila also has five grandchildren.

Last year Leila called me and said she was leaving for several days and that she was going camping and rafting down the Grand Canyon. I knew she was an avid dove hunter, but not that active!

Leila also has a great interest in our natural resources. Part of this interest may stem from the fact that her grandfather was Clive Metcalfe, who was a member of the Theodore Roosevelt/Holt Collier bear

hunting party in the early 1900s.

Her involvement in the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation is considerable. She is constantly monitoring progress, suggesting ways to improve things and helping in any way she can. And it is much appreciated.

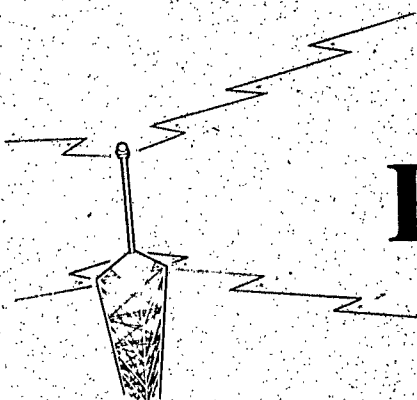
However, Leila's involvement in her community has been long-term and wide-range. She has not only served and supported many organizations in Mississippi, but also has given her time and talent to several national organizations, as well as others in Texas.

Leila is the chairman of the board of First National Bank of San Augustine, Texas, former vice president and director of Weissinger and Wynn in Greenville, a cotton, soybean

and corn farming operation, and is active in the management of family timber holdings located in San Augustine, Shelby, Newton and Jasper counties in Texas and DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Her volunteer work includes serving on the board of Millsaps College, The Center for Study of Southern Culture, the National Wildflower Research Center, the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the King's Daughters Hospital, the Garden Club of America and many others too numerous to list.

The most outstanding quality of Leila is her passion to improve the world around her. Leila Wynn is truly a philanthropist, and I am pleased to inform my fellow Mississippians of this honor.



## 'Radio for Red Cross 2000'

membership from Premier Aerobics and Fitness and a coupon from Dellie's Yogurt and Ice Cream.

Thirteen local radio stations will join forces for the twelfth time during "Radio for Red Cross 2000."

The annual Red Cross blood drive will take place Tuesday, July 11 at Singing River Mall on Hwy. 90 in Gautier, and on Wednesday, July 12 at Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, noon to 7 p.m. both days.

Blood donors will receive a special thank you package from local sponsors, including a commemorative T-shirt, a Radio for Red Cross pin, a coupon from Chick-fil-A for a chicken sandwich, a free can of Pepsi from Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. and a free movie pass from Hollywood Theatre, a one-week free trial

Donors will be able to enjoy Domino's Pizza at the refreshment table, watch movies and eat popcorn while at both drives.

To give blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, be in good overall health and have not donated in the past 56 days.

There is no upper age limit for giving blood.

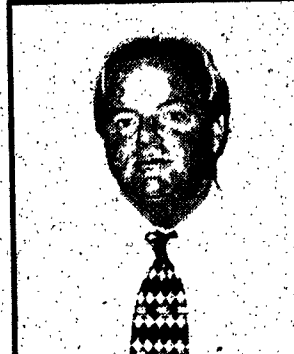
Donors should not give blood if they take medication for a heart condition, have ever received chemotherapy, have had hepatitis since age 11, have visited a high-risk malaria area in the past 12 months, have

received a new tattoo in the past year, are pregnant or delivered a baby in the past six weeks, are currently taking antibiotics for an infection or have lived in the United Kingdom for a total of six months or more between 1980 and 1996.

Donors can give blood even if they take blood pressure medication, insulin or diabetes medication or medication for thyroid, cholesterol, arthritis, depression or anxiety, hormone replacement, allergies or aspirin products.

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## Waveland artist at Discovery Center



### 'It's a Draw'

Joseph Pearson, center, emphasizes the importance of shadowing to Dominique Saunders, left, and Ryan Mitchell at "It's a Draw," a drawing camp at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

Joseph Pearson, local painter and teacher, presented his "Drawing is Fun-n-mental" program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

"My program raises the self esteem and confidence of my students," said Pearson, "through the success they experience in drawing."

Dominique Saunders, 14, of Gulfport, learned about finding your reference point in still life drawing at the camp, while Ryan Mitchell, 13, also of

Gulfport, enjoyed the concepts of shadowing and light source.

Stephanie Matson, 14, from Gulfport, used shading to portray facial features as she was drawing the head of a mannequin.

Pearson's camp is one of 24 summer camps offered by the Discovery Center this summer. Several July camps are still available.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Prime Lower Bay property going on auction block

BY ED LEPOMA

Landowners plan to auction off 630 prime acres for development just west of the Waveland city limits and minutes from the Stennis Space Center.

Carl Carter, spokesman for J.P. King Auction Co., of Gadsden, Ala., said the land is scheduled to be auctioned at 11 a.m. Aug. 1. King representatives will provide tours of the property beginning July 22 to Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays; and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Interested parties can call King at 1/800-558-5464.

King said the land is divided into nine parcels, and sits next to a 110-acre lake and includes two three-bedroom homes.

Jackson Ridge Development LLC, a group of 12 investors from the Mississippi Coast and Louisiana, has owned the land more than a year with the

intent to sell it at the right time, Kind said.

The land is located off Lower Bay Road, about 1.3 miles south of U.S. Hwy. 90 and west of the Waveland city limits.

King said 27 acres will be sold for commercial use, 345 acres for residential development or a golf course and 262 acres for lakefront homes. Only 10 acres have been designated as wetlands, he said.

Hancock County is extending water and sewer lines, so the property can hook into utilities.

Recent real estate transactions show undeveloped land in Waveland has been selling for \$2,000 to \$5,000 an acre, but local realtors predict the

Jackson Ridge property will bring more. Bidders are advised to bring a \$25,000 cashier's check for each piece of property upon which they plan to bid.

## Student job seekers sent unemployment rate up

As expected, Mississippi's unemployment rate rose during May as the first wave of student job seekers hit the job market, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

The May state unemployment rate was 5.8 percent up from 4.9 percent in April. The national unemployment rate for May was 3.9 percent.

"As high school students looking for summer work and new college graduates enter the labor force in May, the unemployment rate traditionally rises," said MESC Executive Director Thomas E. Lord.

He said the civilian labor force added nearly 15,200 people during May as the number of unemployed grew by 13,500.

"A summer rise in the unemployment rate is predictable," Lord said. "The full brunt of student summer workers can be felt in June and July when the unemployment rate can be expected to rise even higher."

Despite the nine-tenths of a percentage point rise in the unemployment rate, some segments of the state's workforce witnessed increases in employment during May.

The services segment of the workforce gained 800 jobs, half of the number in hotels and lodging and the other 400 in health services.

The food processing segment, which includes poultry, eggs, catfish and seafood processing, gained 300 jobs for the month and 4,400 Census 2000 workers caused the government segment to gain employment.

Most counties had a rise in their unemployment rates. Thirty counties matched or bettered the statewide rate, while 15 counties had double-digit unemployment rates.

Lafayette, Rankin and Oktibbeha counties finished one, two and three posting the state's lowest unemployment rates, while Jefferson County with a rate of 21.3 percent had the state's highest rate.

## Townsend appointed chairman

A Brandon attorney has been appointed chairman of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) Board of Review, the Commission announced recently.

Bill Townsend will chair the three-member Board of Review that serves as the final administrative level of review for determining eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by  
Craig Foster  
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## 'Old economy' stocks borrowing some 'new economy' ideas

You've probably heard or read something about "new economy" stocks. But what exactly are they? Is "new economy" just a fancy term for companies that have something to do with the Internet? And what about "old economy" stocks? What are their prospects for the future?

To begin with, new economy stocks are basically defined by their chief asset, which is intellectual capital. The general public typically defines new economy stocks as technology stocks. In contrast, old economy companies are those brick-and-mortar firms that either produce tangible products or deliver services through traditional means.

For the past couple of years, new economy stocks, particularly the "dot.com" companies, have been grabbing headlines — and attracting a lot of notice from investors.

This surge of interest reflects the public's accurate perception of the increased importance of the Internet in many aspects of our lives. However, in their eagerness to "catch the technology wave," some people may be overweighting their portfolios in new economy stocks.

Many of these companies are trading at extremely high price/earnings (P/E) ratios, which means that investors are paying a very high premium for these stocks, in the hope of significant price appreciation. Yet, some of these companies have yet to show a profit.

All the attention being paid to new economy stocks has somewhat diminished investors' interest in old economy compa-

nies. For at least part of the investing public, these old-line firms are strictly yesterday's news.

But many of these firms have been around for decades — which means they know something about survival. Now, some of them are actually borrowing a few tricks from the new economy upstarts — and it's paying off.

Here's one example: Walgreen's, the giant drugstore chain, is now positioning itself as a "multi-channel" retailer by offering prescriptions and general merchandise over the Internet. Of course, customers can still fill their prescriptions in person or over the phone, but now they also have another convenient option.

Other old economy companies are taking full advantage of new economy techniques. Major banks, mortgage bankers, utilities and phone companies are all using the latest technologies for electronic bill paying to improve their profitability.

And there are many other "old-meets-new" examples out there. Furthermore, these companies aren't just using the Internet to conduct retail operations — they are also going online to expedite their business-to-business transactions. The end result? Increased efficiency and greater profit potential.

In short, the older, established firms that can use new technologies to their advantage should be able to compete — and thrive — in today's new economy.

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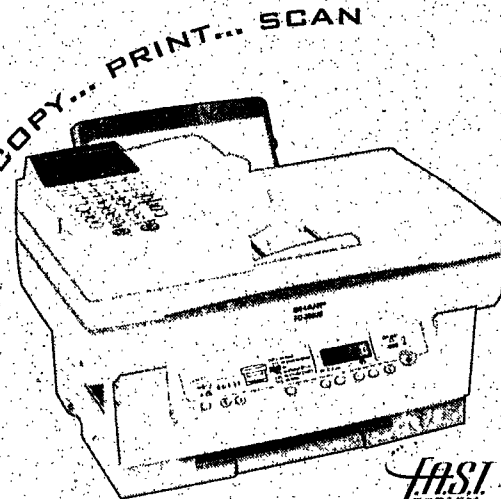
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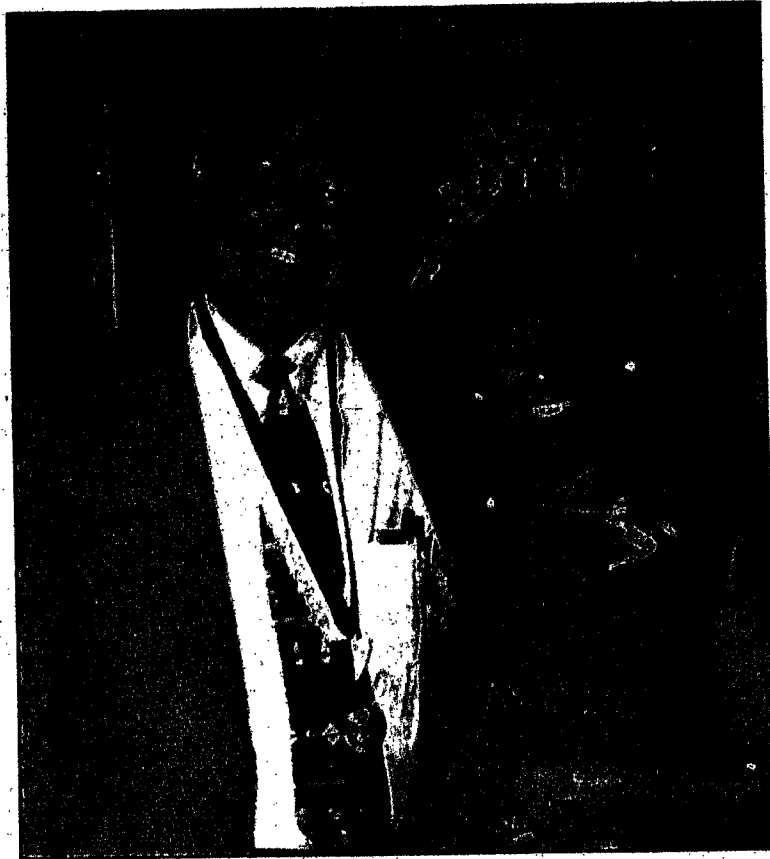
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# Honoring Excellence



The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club last week selected David Treutel Sr. as its Rotary Vocational Excellence Award-winner; and Mary Kergoslen Ladner, third-grade teacher at Bay Catholic, as Teacher of the Year.



1999 Bay St. Louis Rotary Club President Hal Leftwich, CEO of Hancock Medical Center, passes the gavel to new Rotary President Pam Metzler, Hancock County's circuit clerk, during the club's annual installation of officers.

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## Treutel honored by Bay Rotary

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher/Editor

David Treutel Sr. of Bay St. Louis received the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award for Vocational Excellence at the club's annual installation of officers held at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

The presentation was made by Hal Leftwich, past Rotary president.

Treutel was born in New Orleans, and his family moved to Logtown when he was a small boy, then later to Bay St. Louis where he attended St. Joseph's Academy and graduated from St. Stanislaus.

He then attended Tulane University where he received a BA in accounting from Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business in 1957.

Treutel was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving two years of active

duty. He then returned home and served 20 years as U.S. Navy Active Reserve Officer on the Gulf Coast, finishing his military career as Commander of the U.S. Naval Reserve Base in Gulfport.

At Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association in Bay St. Louis, Treutel served in many capacities, including president and chairman of the board during 30 years at the association.

Treutel served in many capacities with the Mississippi Savings and Loan League, including president in 1979.

Treutel also served in many capacities of Treutel Insurance Agency including president over the past 40 years.

Treutel has been involved on many boards over the years including Coast Crime Commission, Bay St. Louis Jaycees, Hancock County

Chamber of Commerce, St. Stanislaus College Prep, St. Vincent de Paul Society, president; OLG Parish Council president; Bay Rotary Club, president and member for over 40 years.

He is also a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

Treutel and his wife Pennie have been married for 36 years. They are the parents of three sons, three daughters, and 14 grandchildren.

Criteria for the award includes that the recipient must have owned or operated a business in Hancock County for at least 10 years.

The person exemplifies Rotary's "ideal service motto" and Four-way Test in the work place.

The person has exemplified a continued commitment to his vocational practice in excellence and high ethical stan-

dards, also exemplified through his or her profession, charitable works which are recognized by the people of the community.

Prior recipients of the Citizen of the Year Vocational Service Award from the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club are Dr. Charles Thomas, Dr. A.K. Martinovich and Al Kingston.

The new officers and directors of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club for 2000-01 are Pam Metzler, president; Charlotte Santa Cruz, president elect; Cary Trapani, vice-president; Christian Reece, secretary; Hal Leftwich, treasurer; Bob Hubbard, sergeant-at-arms; and board of directors Randy Ponder, Tim Kellar, Janet McQueen, and Hal Leftwich, past-president.

The Bay Rotary Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

## Funding

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Wallop-Breaux funds, and has already cleared a portion of the site.

The Marina currently has slips only for commercial fishing vessels, which pay a monthly rental fee.

Ranked number two on the county's priority list is an application for \$75,000 to expand the Dunbar Avenue Pier in Supervisor Lisa Coward's District 3. The county offers to put up a \$7,500 match, and the project would also add docking finger piers to the popular fishing pier in Cedar Point.

The county's plans to repair and improve the Curtis Johnson Boat Launch in the NASA buffer zone is ranked priority number three. It is in Supervisor Rocky Pullman's District 2. The county is seeking \$60,000 to replace rotten decking and to stabilize the eroding shoreline, and offers to put up a total \$6,000 match.

Ranked fourth in priority is an application seeking \$100,000 to build a fishing pier between Clermont Harbor and Buccaneer State Park in Ladner's District 1. The county proposes a \$10,000 match, and Loftus said building the pier would improve the public's access to prime fishing waters, and remove children from fishing along busy Beach Boulevard. The pier would also be handicapped-accessible.

Ranked fifth in priority is an application seeking \$30,000 for a patrol boat to be used by the Sheriff's Department. The county offers a \$3,000 match, and Loftus said the boat would provide marine patrol and law enforcement in high-use areas and improve the quality of public safety on the waters.

Last year, Hancock County submitted an application for a total \$1 million for various projects, but came up empty-handed when legislators convened in the January session, and divvied up the \$2.8 million in available funds.

Supervisors were stunned and disappointed that the legislative delegation did not seem to make an all-out effort to ensure some kind of appropriation for Hancock County.

In the final appropriations bill passed by the legislature as part of the overall operating budget for the DMR, Bay St. Louis received \$100,000 for continued expansion of the Ulman Avenue fishing pier and Waveland received \$150,000 for continued expansion of the Garfield-Ladner fishing pier.

Tidelands Funds come from revenues collected from casinos and other industries along the coast which leases water bottoms. The money is distributed to the DMR by the Secretary of State's office, which collects the leasing fees.

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harbor is home to three commercial seafood businesses, and it employs anywhere from 100 to 120 people, the city landed a \$500,000 grant from the EDA and a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant from the state.

Campton sent the mayor and Board of Aldermen a copy of the recent application he filed with the state Department of Marine Resources for funding in fiscal 2002, and he told officials, it appears there would be a surplus left over from existing funds after completion of the east wall repairs.

"Using the latest engineer's cost estimates, it appears that about \$289,227 of the tidelands grant funds now already on deposit will be left over after completion of the bulkhead project," Campton told the mayor and aldermen in a June 1 letter.

He recommended, "Because of the uncertainties which still remain about the bulkhead project, we feel it prudent to reserve this \$289,227 to cover

unexpected overruns...at least until bids are received this fall."

Campton pointed out the entire \$250,000 in Tidelands funds received this year "is at this time uncommitted and available for new projects."

After talking with Harbormaster J.J. Lassabe, Campton recommended using the uncommitted funds and applying for \$360,000 in Tidelands funds in fiscal 2002 to begin two new projects.

"Lassabe has advised that he sees the need and the market for additional commercial slips in the harbor, to help meet the demand for these and to provide substantial additional operating revenues," said Campton.

The city's Tidelands funding application for 2002 requests \$360,000 for construction of five charter boat slips on the west side of the harbor and money for extending Pier C-2 to provide 25 additional slips for commercial fishing vessels.

## Beach -- supers eye projects

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lion dollar price tag was only a ballpark estimate, but he would work up more accurate figures. He said voids under the roadway also needed filling, and sidewalks would be added.

At Monday's Board meeting, supervisors authorized Brown and Mitchell engineers to begin a preliminary survey on plans to build a sand beach along Beach Boulevard from Lakeshore Road to Bayou Caddy.

Engineer Bill Mitchell said sand samples taken from waterbottoms nearby indicated the sand was too fine, and approximately 120,000 cubic yards of sand would have to be trucked into the area.

Supervisors suggested Mitchell should contact Port and Harbor officials, and he might be able to use sand that is silting up the shipping canal and barge it into the area.

The Board acted on a variety of issues at its regular monthly meeting.

• District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowan got approval to install stop signs on county roads within the growing Diamondhead Community. She said at the first meeting of the new Property Owners Association, members requested stop signs on Diamondhead Drive East and Gulf Club Drive. A new box culvert will also be installed on Kapalama drive to improve drainage.

• Coward convinced supervisors once again to appropriate \$540 to replace the lights running along the Dunbar Avenue fishing pier. Vandalism destroyed the lights shortly after the pier was repaired, but no arrests have been made.

• Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmie Ladner had some good news for supervisors.

He said Hancock County's

assessed valuation has reached \$299 million with another \$8 million in tax exemptions. It represents about a five percent increase, he said.

By law, the supervisors' salaries are tied in to the assessed valuation, and supervisors could have raised their yearly pay from \$33,000 to \$37,000.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour made the motion not to raise the salaries, and the Board voted unanimously to keep their salary at the present level.

• Supervisors authorized the transfer of the cable TV franchise from Diamondhead TV Cable, Inc. to Cable One. Owner Jim English told the board he is selling his cable business because it was hard for small companies to compete in the growing and changing market.

• Supervisors agreed to let the Port and Harbor Commission lease space in the McDonald Training Center at Port Bienville to a new polymer firm planning to locate at the industrial park.

Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc., will lease three or four rooms at one end of the building for a year with an option to extend for another year.

Port Director Hal Walters said the firm plans to build a manufacturing and research facility at Port Bienville, but that might take up to two years.

• Lakeshore resident Mary Caillier told supervisors, "I need some relief."

She was complaining about odors coming from the nearby Carmel's Seafood on Lakeshore Road.

"I have allergies now that I never had before," said Caillier. "We're afraid to use the water because we don't know if it's drinkable," she said.

Caillier said she and other neighbors can't sit out on their porches because of the smell.

Supervisors will send resolutions asking the state Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Marine Resources and the state Health Department to inspect

the premises.

• Board President Rocky Pullman said he would like to begin advertising for a new county engineer to replace Larry Seal, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Supervisors will ask Seal to prepare requirements for the job, then will advertise the position.

Pullman also gained permission to ask the state Transportation Department to install a sign on Interstate 10 directing motorists how to get to Pearlington.

• The Hancock County Library Board of Trustees on Monday officially turned over the old Kiln Library on state Hwy. 603 to the county.

Plans are to locate sheriff's department communications in the building, and to locate a satellite tax collection office for the convenience of Diamondhead residents and others in the northwest portions of the county.

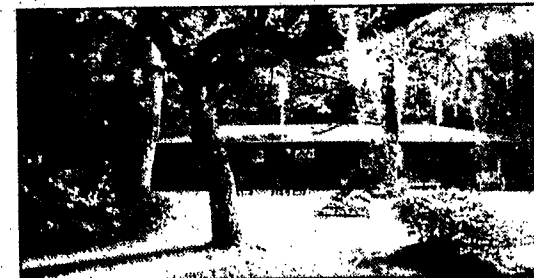
Trustees said they wanted the building back if the county later abandons it.

## SWEARING IN



Newly-elected Ward 1 Bay St. Louis City Councilman Doug Seal is sworn in before a council workshop Wednesday.

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## 'Tis the season to be scampi

### Larger shrimp, better prices seen this season

**W**eather that has been bad for crops and lawns is just what shrimpers need to make this year good for shrimp.

"The same things that have been bad for the cotton and the gardens and the lawns has been good for the shrimp," said Dave Burrage,

Extension fisheries specialist at Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi. "The lack of rainfall and hot weather has been ideal for shrimp production."

Burrage said a lack of rain means bayous and marshes have

higher salinity,

or salt concentra-

tion in the

water. Because

of this, shrimp are able to for-

age deep in the bayous, making

them available for harvest later

in the season when they move

into the Gulf.

Mississippi's shrimp season

opened June 1, and first week

landings in Biloxi were about

15 percent lower than last year.

Burrage said shrimpers landed

630,000 pounds of shrimp in Biloxi that first week, down from 730,000 pounds in 1999. The lower landings may be due in part to fewer shrimp boats out for the opening.

"With significantly fewer boats chasing after the shrimp, that difference in total landings may have been lower, but it's

very likely

that the indi-

vidual boats' landings were

higher," Burrage said.

Both

shrimp sizes

and prices

are up from

last year,

making it

easier for

shrimpers to

absorb the

higher costs

of diesel fuel,

which is aver-

aging 30

cents a gallon

more than

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Burrage

said most of

this year's

shrimp have

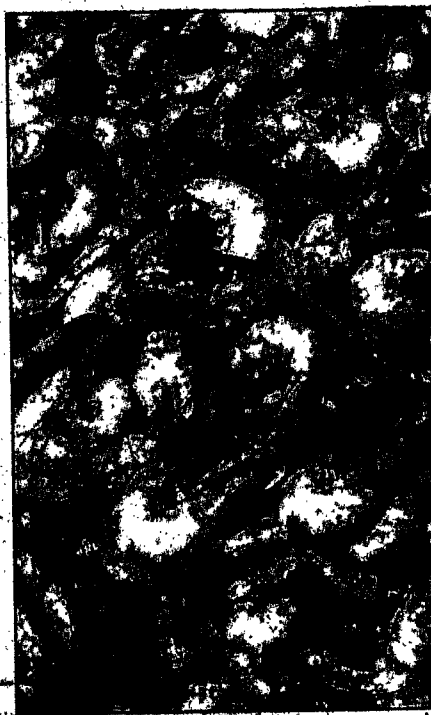
been medium-

sized, 31- to

40-count

shrimp. Count refers to the number needed to make one pound. About 50,000 pounds of 21- to 25-count shrimp also have been caught.

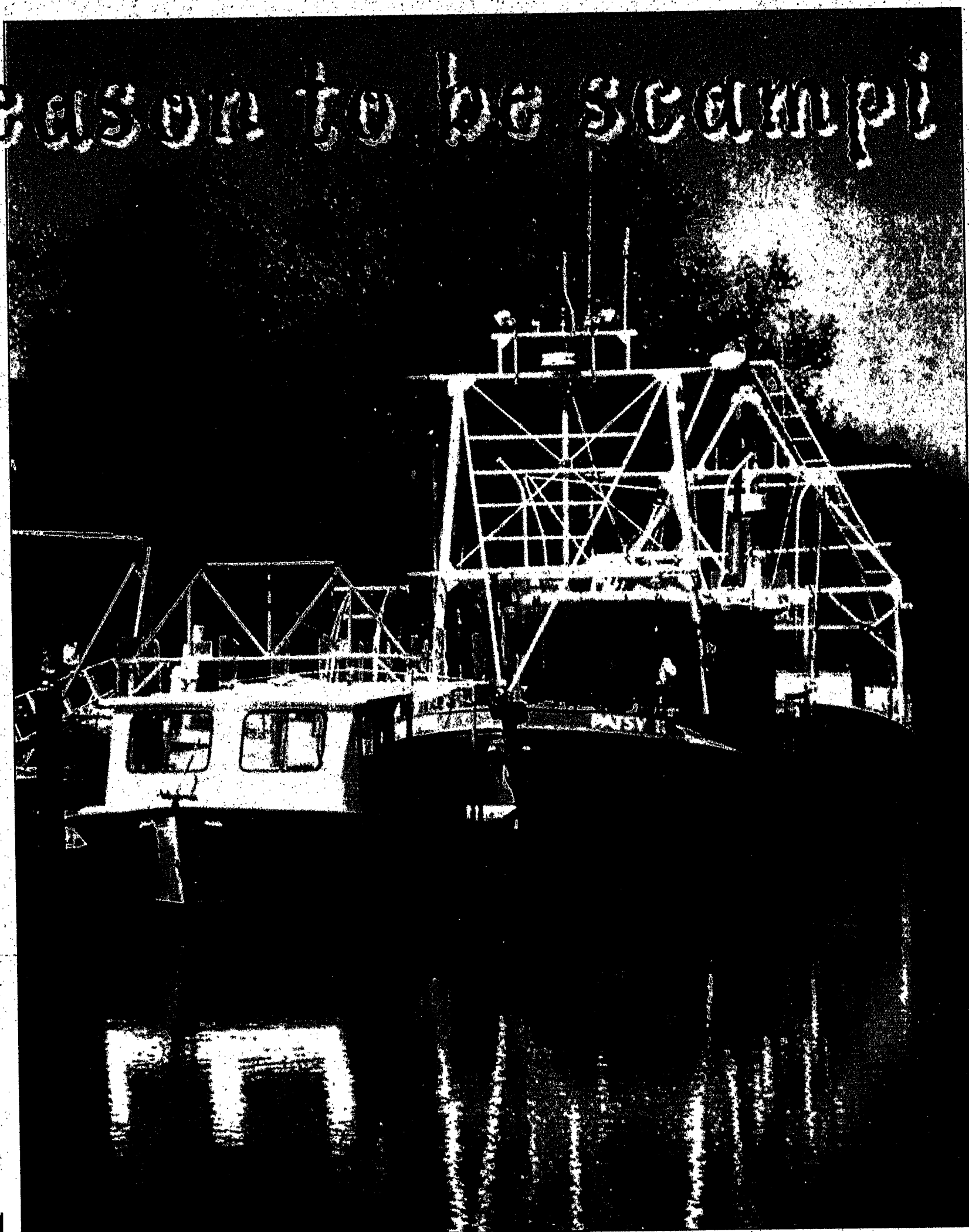
Medium shrimp bring \$2.10 a pound at the factories, while larger shrimp bring \$2.80, both prices about 50 cents a pound higher than last year, Burrage



Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder  
Some of the large, succulent shrimp from this year's catch.



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith  
A good day's haul goes down the conveyor at a local seafood wholesaler.



Echo staff photo by Donna J. Smith  
Shrimpers prepare to head out into the Mississippi Sound from Jourdan Isles. Experts say the lack of rainfall and hot weather this year have been "ideal" for shrimp production.

said. By selling to customers at the dock, shrimpers can get even more.

Robert Begnaud of Biloxi has shrimped for about 40 years. He stays out four to five days at a time on his 46-foot boat, the Miss Enda, and said the season has been pretty good this year.

"We started off the season with 26- to 30-count shrimp. Last year we started with 36-

to 40-count," Begnaud said. "From what I've seen so far, there are more shrimp out there. This year we haven't had the rain, and the water has been warm, so the shrimp have been larger."

Begnaud brings back about 10 to 15 100-pound boxes of shrimp each time he docks.

"I prefer to unload at the factory, but you can't get the money at the factory that you

can by peddling. You can get 40 cents over factory prices if you peddle," Begnaud said, referring to selling the shrimp to consumers directly off the boat.

Burrage said shrimp prices are driven by imports as only about 25 percent of the shrimp consumed in the United States are produced here. Of that, 80 percent is caught in the Gulf of Mexico.

Most of the nation's shrimp

is imported and is usually pond-raised in Asia and Latin America. This year, disease problems forced foreign farmers to sell their shrimp smaller rather than risk losing entire stocks.

"Because the imported shrimp size is falling, there is a scarcity of larger shrimp," Burrage said. "The Gulf is producing the larger shrimp, and that's why our price is up."

## Holly and the art of conversation

We've had Holly, our black tomcat, for about a year now.

Things haven't changed too much since I wrote about him in an earlier column "Holly and the Snakes." We originally got Holly to help get rid of the pygmy rattlers we had seen around our porch.

We haven't seen any in a long time, but I'm not sure Holly is really working on it. It seems that most of the time I see Holly he is not out 'snaking' like I think he should be, but rather stretched out sound asleep on the porch.

I feel somehow that there are snakes equally as relaxed, sleeping under the porch.

Holly now weighs 10 or so pounds instead of the five-to-eight pounds he had then. Stella says that this is because of the

little trip I took with him to see Dr. Mahler in the Bay. Maybe he does weigh more.

My biggest problem with Holly seems to be in communication. Half the time I'm not sure what he is trying to tell me.

I'm not really a cat person, but I don't see why this should be a problem. When Jennie, our Weimaraner hound, tries to tell me something, I have no trouble understanding her.

In the morning when Jennie looks at me, I know what she is saying: It's noon and she wants to eat. The fact that it is only ten o'clock means nothing. To Jennie, the noon whistle goes off sharply at sunrise.

When she lies under the table while we are eating, she is signaling she is ready to help if there is an earthquake. If one

occurs while we are eating and throws all the food on the floor, she will help us clean up.

If I sit on the floor by the couch next to Jennie and tell her about some problem I've been having, she listens quietly, turning every so often to take a quick lick at my face.

I've learned to dodge these licks, but she is quick, and I'm not always successful. I'm not sure what she means by this, whether she is playing "kiss, kiss" or thinks I'm a pork chop. But you get the idea.

While the list is endless with Jennie, I don't even have the start of a list with Holly. And I don't think it's because he's a cat. He's been raised as a dog and most of the time he acts like one. He and Jennie follow me around constantly, Jennie right

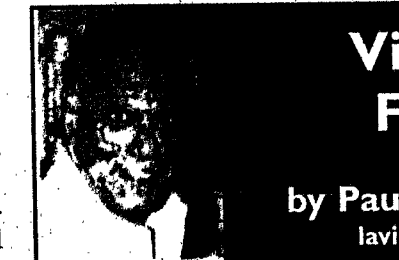
at my heels; Holly a slight distance behind.

Sometimes when we are outside, he reverts to type and dashes ahead to ambush Jennie and me. He often plays this game, in which he is the tiger and we are lambs.

He will leap out of a bush and, standing on his hind legs, swats at Jennie's face with his paws. This continues for a few steps until Holly tires of Jennie ignoring him and, falling down, makes like he found something in a nearby bush.

If I'm in the living room reading, Holly is normally on one side of my chair, Jennie is on the other, both asleep. If I pick Holly up and put him on my lap, he gets angry and jumps down and resumes his floor position.

If I get up too quickly and



### Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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accidentally step or trip on him, he gets mad and I get mad and we remain separated by mutual agreement for several hours. And then he resumes his position in the same spot on the floor as if to guarantee that it all will happen again.

If he stands by the sliding glass door looking out and I open it to put him out, he'll run under the couch. If he's outside by the door and I open it to let him in, he runs and hides under one of the porch chairs.

If I am on the porch lounge, he often lies under the lounge while Jennie lies to one side. Sometimes I doze off and then

oomph! There is this 10-pound cat on my chest staring down at me, wanting something. What? I haven't the least idea.

A conversation with Holly reminds me of an incident years ago when I was at a meeting in Hawaii. It was at the University's East-West Center where a number of Pacific Ocean specialists had gathered to discuss the Kuroshio, a cold, dark current off the coast of Japan.

At the end of the meeting, we had a banquet and I was seated beside a rather handsome elder-

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## Mark Hussey All-American Scholar



**Mark Hussey**  
The United States Achievement Academy announced that Mark Hussey has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Hussey, who attends East Hancock Elementary School, will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

In addition to his math accomplishments, Mark was chosen as Terrific Kid of the Year for East Hancock.

He is the son of Max and Debbie Hussey of Diamondhead. His grandparents are James W. and Mary E. Fross of Vancleave and Phyllis Hussey of Ocean Springs.

## Student Ambassador



### Rachel Lennon

Rachel Lennon, 13, daughter of Thomas and Winnie Lennon of Bay St. Louis, has been selected by the People to People Student Ambassador Program to visit Australia this summer. She will be travelling with a delegation of students and teachers. She is also a student at Our Lady Academy.

Rachel will spend approximately three weeks learning about the government, economy, and culture of Australia through activities such as briefing at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and trade officials, site visits to the headquarters of international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs.

She will receive an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance. The delegation will travel to Cairnes, the Great Barrier Reef off the center of northern Queensland and travel down the east Coast to Sydney, where they will tour the world-famous Sydney Opera House.

Rachel was selected on the basis of recommendations, including personal interviews with members of a screening committee in New Orleans.

The Program was founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to further international goodwill and understanding.

Rachel plans to visit the British Isles next summer.

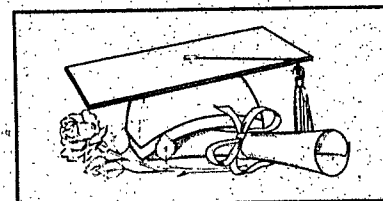
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### Alena De Guire

Alena (Lani) De Guire, granddaughter of Joe and Dorothy Marochino of Bay St. Louis, received her BA degree in communication, summa cum laude, from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, May 13.

She is presently taking a one-month tour of Europe and will reside in Austin when she returns.



## What's for Lunch? July 10-14

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**Tuesday:** Fruit Juice, Cereal, Cinnamon Toast

**Wednesday:** Fruit Juice, Pancakes and Sausage on a Stick, Syrup

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**Friday:** Fruit Juice, Donut, Buttered Toast

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**Tuesday:** Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Chilled Watermelon,

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**Wednesday:** Hamburger, Stack of Trimmings, Tater Tots, Frozen Juice Bar

**Thursday:** Hot Dog with Chili, Potato Chips, Vegetable Sticks with Dip, Chilled Pineapple, Ice Cream Sandwich

**Friday:** Turkey Sub, Stack of Trimmings, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chews, Strawberry Applesauce

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**Tuesday:** Deli Turkey on Bun, Whole Kernel Corn, French Fries, Ice Cream

**Wednesday:** Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Peaches, Hot Dinner Rolls

**Thursday:** Ham and Cheese Poboys, Pickle Spears, French Fries, Ice Cream

**Friday:** Chicken Pattie, Creamed Potatoes, Frozen Fruit Bars, Hot Rolls

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## Births

### TIMOTHY JEROME PURSLEY

Sheri Sauer and Timmy Pursley of Kenner announce the birth of their first child, Timothy Jerome, May 27, 2000 at 1:30 a.m. at Touro Hospital in New Orleans.

He weighed 7 pounds.  
Maternal grandparents are Jerome and Barbara Sauer of Metairie.  
Paternal grandparents are Paul Pursley of Bay St. Louis and Clarice Wishman of Bay St. Louis.

### CADE MCQUIN COMPRETTE

Mr. and Mrs. Brennan Comprette of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Cade McQuin, June 19, 2000 at 7:58 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.  
Mrs. Comprette is the former Miranda Smith.  
Maternal grandparents are James and Alison Smith of Bay St. Louis.  
Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Karen Comprette of Bay St. Louis.  
Great-grandparents include Alise Wise of Henleyfield, Miss., and Mamie Smith of Morgantown, Miss.  
Cade is welcomed by his brother, Cooper.

### MELANIE NICOLE MANNION

Todd and Melissa Mannion of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Melanie Nicole Mannion, June 22, 2000 at 9:32 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
Mrs. Mannion is the former Melissa Johnson.  
Maternal grandparents are Paddy Johnson of Waveland and David Johnson of Gulfport.  
Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Ben Moran of Bay St. Louis and John Mannion of Denver, Colo.  
Great-grandparents include Reeba Dunlevy of Atlanta, Ga. and Velma Knollenberg of Augusta, Kan.

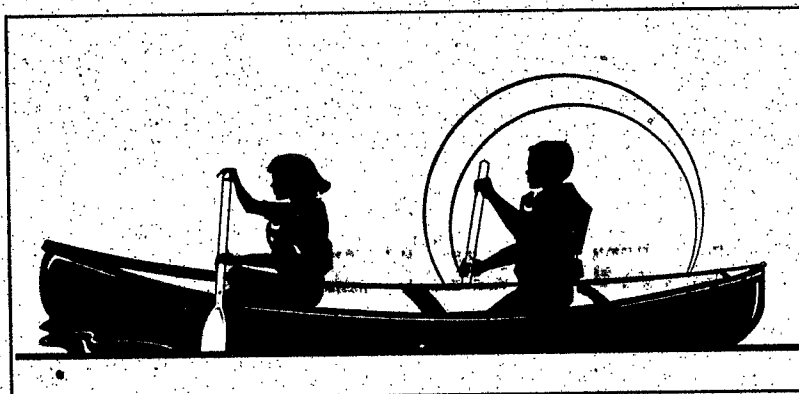
## Gulf Coast Legal Support Professionals meet July 13

The Gulf Coast Association of Legal Support Professionals will meet July 13 at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Training Room at the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport.

The meeting is open to anyone working in the legal field who is interested in excelling in their chosen field.

Representative Jim Simpson will be guest speaker and will present a legislative update.

For information, contact Sheila Schultz at 374-2685 or Jeannie Shaw at 864-3489.



## Astro Camp 2000 focuses on NASA's Generation X

Local children are learning about the rich history and exciting future of space flight and the scientific principles that make it all happen at the John C. Stennis Space Center's Astro Camp 2000.

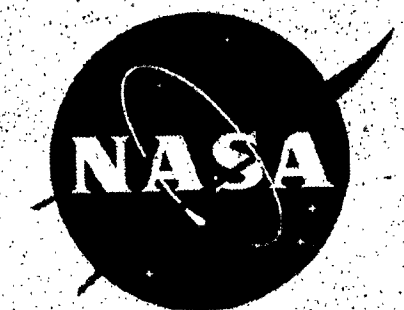
Astro Camp, an annual five-day series of day camps for 7- to 10-year-olds, is a fun and entertaining way for children to learn about America's space program.

The annual summer camp is based at StennisSphere; the space center's newly expanded visitor center, and averages 30 children each week.

When campers first arrive, they are grouped into teams, said Maria Lott, director of Astro Camp for the past three years.

"It's amazing how quickly their rapport develops as a team," she said. "Campers also learn about space travel from the bottom up. We base everything on Newton's three laws of motion and Bernoulli's theories of aerodynamics."

Throughout the week-long curriculum, students work in teams to put theories into practice by building their own spacecraft from such simple



materials as paper, cardboard, Popsicle sticks and aluminum foil.

The theme for this year's Astro Camp is 'NASA's Generation X.' Each camp concludes with campers launching their own small rocket.

Camp is held in the Von Braun Tower, which was used as the observation deck by Dr. Werner Von Braun to watch the rocket engine test firings in

the 1960s.

Learning about air rockets, rocket racers, sled kites, wind-socks and various designs of gliders appeals to 10-year-old camper Max Gove of Madison, Miss.

"It rocks so far," Gove said enthusiastically, as he pondered a picture of the International Space Station. "I'm going to need a lot of Popsicle sticks," he said, evaluating the section of the space station he is to build.

Savannah Rishel, 10, of Long Beach, said she enjoyed building her own rocket racer earlier in the week and particularly enjoyed launching her own rocket models.

This year the children also benefit from the newly opened StennisSphere located in the same building with them on the Stennis Space Center grounds.

"They've been picking up ideas and information from StennisSphere exhibits and had an opportunity to travel to Mars aboard a motion simulator," Lott said.

"It's neat to see 7-year-olds say, 'I know why rockets go up.'"

For more information about Astro Camp or StennisSphere, call 1-800-237-1821 (select option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana.

### Astro campers

Children at John C. Stennis Space Center's Astro Camp launch rockets as one of their activities in the week-long camp.

Approximately 30 children from across Mississippi and Louisiana spent a week in June and July learning about space flight. This year's theme is Astro Camp 2000: NASA's Generation X, exploring the next generation of NASA spacecraft.



## Holly

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ly Russian woman from Vladivostok.

The wine flowed rather freely, and I showed her pictures of my two children and she showed me a picture of her grandson, a tank commander in the Russian army. She asked if I had ever been to Russia and I told her of my aborted trip a few years earlier when I was to go to Leningrad.

I had spent months preparing both my scientific paper and learning Russian. "The State Department called me when I stopped by my office on the way to the airport," I told her. "There had been some diplomatic incident and they were cancelling all scientific exchanges with Russia. My trip was canceled."

"That was a shame," she said sympathetically. "But at least you learned to speak Russian."

"Not really," I said. "I was so disgusted, my mind pulled a

blank on everything I had learned except for one important phrase. Only now I can't even think of what that phrase means. Perhaps you can tell me: 'Chto eto?'"

"Oh, of course," she smiled. "What's that?"

"What's that?" I said slightly startled. "Chto eto?"

"No! No!" she exclaimed. "What's that?"

Something was going wrong in our conversation; it may have been the wine. "What's that?" I repeated. "Chto eto?"

This time she was the one looking startled. "What's that?" she said raising her voice. "What's that?"

I was starting to think that she might be deaf, perhaps from the grinding of the icebergs in Vladivostok Harbor or the barking of the polar bears at night.

I took a quick gulp of my wine and rose out of my chair

and reiterated more loudly my Russian phrase. Everyone in the room seemed to be staring at us. I felt a hand on my arm. It was the Russian person sitting on the other side of me.

"What, Madame Rogotsky is trying to tell you is that in English 'chto eto?' means 'what's that?'"

So it may be something of this ilk with Holly. I thought of this the other day, when, for seemingly no reason, he bounded over me twice as I lay on the porch lounge.

He was trying to tell me something. I decided to take the lead in the conversation. I grabbed him before he could get away the second time and, opening the sliding glass door, threw him inside the house.

"Chto eto? Pussycat!"

I then went back to the lounge and, feeling our conversation was over, resumed my nap.

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## Civitan Camp slated July 17-29

This year marks the 40th time that Civitan Camp for Citizens with Mental Retardation will provide a week's vacation for around 200. These sessions will take place between July 17 and July 29 at Camp Iti Kana Girl Scout Camp located near Wiggins.

Campers will receive one-to-one care from a staff that even exceeds the number of campers in a beautiful, natural setting.

According to Abbie Rogers, the director since the beginning (the camp was indeed her brainchild), the entire staff and supervisors anticipate another great year for all ages.

Speaking of Rogers, she has had a wonderful year which includes a 60th wedding anniversary with husband, L. A., her own 80th birthday, knee surgery, weekly Mothers' Day Out at Trinity Episcopal Church where she and members of the medical community take care of disabled children every Thursday.

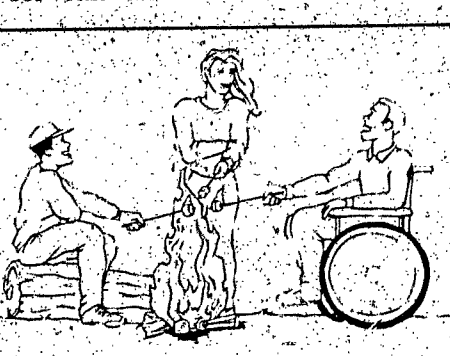
She is like an Energizer battery that keeps on and on and on. Her power source is her devotion to her church, family,

friends, and to the Civitan Camp.

Session I is a youth camp designed for 75 individuals with developmental delays/mental retardation ages 21 years and under.

Daily activities are planned for fun and leisure with an

emphasis on outdoor recreational activities. Included in this session is a Respite designed for 15 individuals with disabilities requiring specialized care and less structured activities with an emphasis on young children.



Volunteer staffers are from a broad spectrum of professional people, business men and women, artists, musicians, and large numbers of high school and college students.

There is always a waiting list of students who are anxious to serve at camp. Other volunteers include a group of ladies from New Orleans who plan each year's theme for decorations and parties.

Past themes have been Cajun, Mardi Gras, Love Boat, and Oceans, to name a few. This year's theme will be "Hollywood."

Both sessions will begin with a parade of townspeople dressed as Hollywood stars. Nightly parties are also presented by volunteers. The adult campers usually put on a theatre production as a finale.

Abbie's list of directors has grown to include Terri Daniels, Kay Boone, and Chris Potin. Bob Johnson is the Civitan Club Camp chairman; the Girl Scout representative is Kitty Mauffrey; the ARC representative is Sandy Wright; and Civitan Club president is Leah Shearon.

## ERA Bay Shore Realty locks up local citizens

Many business and civic leaders throughout the Hancock County area were missing several hours on Thursday, June 15. These notable "Most Wanted" citizens were serving time for "Jerry's Kids" in the ERA's annual Lock-up to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The event was a huge success, with raising over \$9,000 to be used to help people with different forms of Muscular Dystrophy in the state of Mississippi.

The transportation was pro-

vided compliments of Waveland Police Department and Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

The cellular telephones were provided compliments of CenturyTel, Cellular South, and Bell South Mobility. Food was provided compliments of Pizza Hut and Domino's.

Funds from the "Lock-up" will help provide research, summer camp, clinic, and assistance with the purchase of wheelchairs and braces.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to the cure and treatment of 40 neuro-

muscular diseases. For information, call the MDA District office at (800) 972-4815.

Jailbirds included Liz Renz, Stephanie Gauthier, Herbert Dubuisson, Charlotte Whitney, David Mayley, Hancock Bank, Chuck Jung, Dave Miller, Julien Byrne, Marilyn Smith, Ginger Adams and Keith Mitchell.

Also, Debbie Brondum, Hon. Jimmy Ladner, Eddie Renz, Laura Elliott, Phillip Moran, Margie Mayfield, Dina Hitt, Gerri Hewes, Perre Cabell and Ginger Coleman.

## For officials seeking GIS/GPS training, MSU blazes a 'trace'

Mississippi municipalities and counties are being invited to take advantage of a series of free one-day workshops offered by Mississippi State University on the use of geographic information and global positioning systems.

Local governmental bodies may enroll up to two representatives in the four- or eight-hour workshops being planned during July and August.

The "hands-on" training is being provided by MSU's landscape architecture department, Remote Sensing Technologies Center and John C. Stennis Institute of Government, in cooperation with the National Park Service.

University staff members currently are using common GIS and GPS equipment to create a digital model of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Federal parkway personnel will use the digital data sets for a variety of maintenance and planning activities, said Stennis Institute research analyst Keith A. Smith.

"For the benefit of interested cities and counties, these NPS working sessions are open to local government staff members who wish or need to learn more about these two systems," said Smith, who developed the workshop idea.

"After completing the training, participants should better

understand how GPS and GIS technology may be used in their individual work routines."

In sessions that include both theoretical and practical instruction, participants will accompany MSU staff members as they collect field data for the mapping project and load the information into a GIS.

"They also will have the opportunity to identify and collect GPS data themselves," Smith added.

MSU will provide refreshments throughout the training periods, but participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from locations and for meals.

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Tops, MS 233 met Thursday, July 6 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Judy with 3 1/2 pounds. There were 18 members present.

Judy won the Incentive Award, and Shirley won the gift, but donated the gift back to club. Next week a librarian will be the guest speaker.

On awards night Phil will receive a ribbon for 100 miles walked. Perfect Attendance Certificates for June went to Kathleen, Olga, Inga, Juanita, Beverly, Pat, Jeanette, Lisa,

Wenda and June.

KOPS Loser for the month of June was Ruth with 3 3/4 lbs. Kathy received a certificate for staying in Lee-way. Charms were earned by Youth Loser for the Month Crystal.

Loser for month of June went to Charlotte with a Turtle. Verma with 3/4 lb., Gwen with 1 lb., Karen with 1 lb., Olga with 1 1/2 lbs., Joy with 2 1/4 lbs., Shirley with 2 1/2 lbs., Lisa with 3 lbs., Inga with 3 3/4 lbs., Jeanette with 3 1/2 lbs., Kathleen with 4 lbs. and Rose with 8 lbs.

Grand Loser For the Month of June was Beverly with 15 lbs. Crystal received charm for losing six consecutive weeks. Lisa received charm for being 1/2 Way to Goal.

Tops 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

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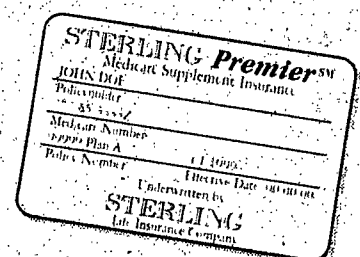
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Based on our almost daily complaints from subscribers, we are not sure delivery has improved, but rather that subscribers have just become accustomed to receiving the papers 7-10 days late or several copies all rolled together.

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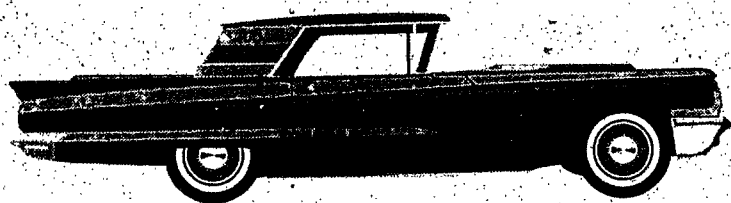
## Harrison County Tourism Commission makes contribution to Cruisin' the Coast

The Harrison County Tourism Commission presented a contribution of \$3,420 to Cruisin' the Coast at its June 13 meeting.

The money will be used for marketing to attract more visitors to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

an individual demonstrating outstanding leadership in the Mississippi Gulf Coast's tourism industry.

Beverly Martin, executive director of the Gulf Coast Casino Operators Association, was the



for the annual, nationally recognized event. Organizers expect 3500 - 4000 classic vehicles from at least 35 states and Canada to attend this year's event, to be held October 4 - 8.

Several Mississippi Gulf Coast hotels will offer special rates for Cruisin' the Coast visitors. Cruisin' the Coast has an economic impact of \$7 million on the local community.

Cruisin' the Coast received the contribution as a result of the 1999 Billy Creel Excellence in Tourism Award, an annual award presented by the Harrison County Tourism Commission to

1999 award recipient. She selected Cruisin' the Coast as the beneficiary for donations made in the award's honor.

Martin was selected because of her contributions to the enhancement of the hospitality industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as a leader in both the restaurant and casino industries.



Bob Lutz, President of Harrison County Tourism Commission, presents donation of \$3,420.00 to Gene Oswalt, Executive Director of Cruisin' the Coast.

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The two-day National Education Institute training session will be offered Friday and Saturday for those preparing for the Accredited Legal Secretary and Professional Legal Secretary certification exams as well as continuing legal education.

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Over 10 hours of continuing legal education credits will be offered on topics such as ethics, appellate procedures, investment planning, stress management and video conferencing.

The Region 6 meeting incorporates association members from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Anyone working the legal field is invited to attend. For information, contact Theresa Wilson at 228-863-6913.

## Hurricane Hunters honored

The d'Iberville/St. Martin Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a tribute July 11 at noon to the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Hurricane Hunters) stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

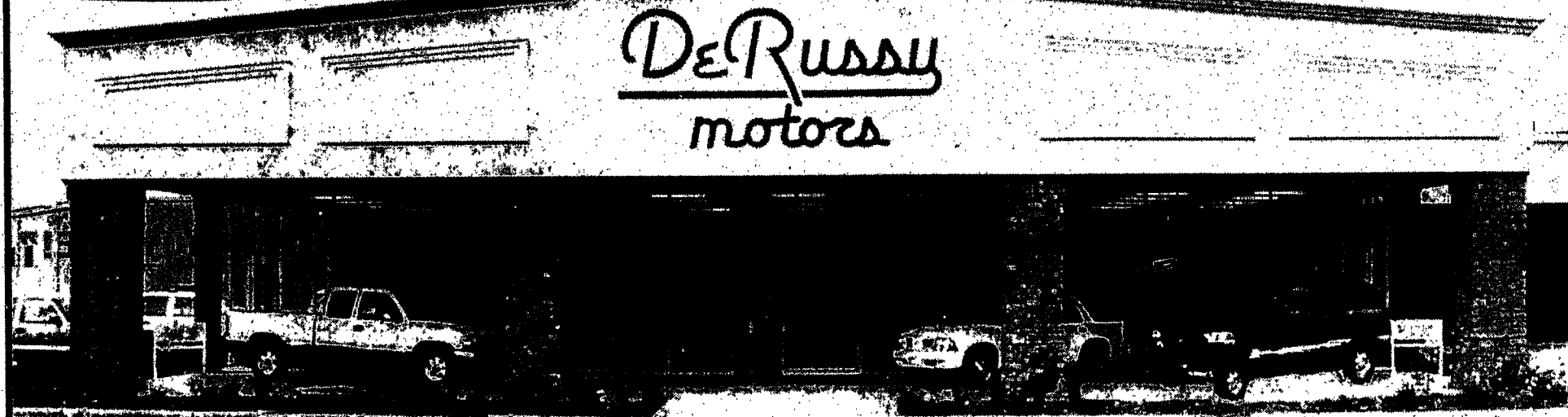
The event will take place at the d'Iberville Civic Center Automall Parkway, behind d'Iberville City Hall and Post Office.

Master of ceremonies will be WLOX meteorologist Mike Reader. Guest speaker will be Major Mike Odum. Food and beverages will be served.

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# Community Calendar

## THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, JULY 13-16

### "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre

- "Summer Program 2000," a children's summer acting workshop
- July 13 & 14: 8 pm
- July 15: 2 pm and 8 pm
- July 16: 2 pm
- Tickets: \$7
- Information: 467-2587 or e-mail: BSLT@aol.com

## FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, JULY 14-16

### St. Paul Seafood Festival, Pass Christian

- on the beachfront in front of St. Paul's Catholic Church
- amusement rides, seafood, treats, and live music
- Friday: 5 pm to 11 pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 11 am to 11 pm
- Admission is free

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup> & OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>

### Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Show

- on the Country Club Circle and grounds
- Saturday: 9:30 am to 6 pm
- Sunday: 11 am to 5 pm
- proceeds donated to Diamondhead Youth Organization, a non-profit organization
- Brierley Acker, chairman 255-2697 or Linda Wallace, co-chairman 452-2200.

## EVERY MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

### Adult basic remedial literacy classes for GED

- Hancock County Library System Adult Ed
- Waveland Library Literacy Center
- 333 Coleman Avenue
- Donna Hutchings 467-9240

## EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

### Pearl River Community College Class

- Prepare for GED test, practice GED testing
- no cost for classes
- 8-12 am and 1-4 pm
- English as second language also
- trailer in the parking lot of Hancock High
- 467-4275

## EVERY TUESDAY

### TOPS MS 233

- 5-5:45 pm
- Waveland Public Library
- Pat 467-6285

### Bay-Waveland Overeaters Anonymous

- 7 pm - 8 pm
- Hancock Medical Center Meeting Room
- Twelve Step Program, no fees or dues
- Ann 467-6254

### Columbian Squires

- sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- for Catholic young men, 12-18
- 6 pm - 7 pm
- KC Hall on Main Street, BSL
- 467-0941

## EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

### MSU Extension Service offers Free Nutrition classes through the FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Basic Nutrition; Food Safety; Planning Low-cost, Tasty and Health Meals; Parenting Skills related to nutrition; buying more food with less money
- for details call Gwen Blackledge 467-5456

## EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

### Pearl River Community College Class

- Prepare for GED test, practice GED testing
- no cost for classes
- 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- English as second language also
- trailer in the parking lot of Hancock High
- 467-4275

## EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

### Great Books Discussion Group

- 7 pm
- Seal Meeting Room of the BSL-Hancock County Library System
- Jeanne Jones 467-5282

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

### TOPS MS 307

- 4:45-5:30 pm
- Waveland Public Library
- Paula 467-0420
- <http://www.tops.org> for information

## EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

### The Hancock County Coalition for Services to Children and Families

- 10:30 am
- Word of Faith Fellowship Hall, Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
- Betty Spencer 452-9234

## FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

### LaLeche League of Bay/Waveland

LaLeche League is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, encouragement, and mother-to-mother support to all women who want to breast feed. La Leche League of Bay/Waveland offers monthly meetings with other breast feeding mothers, 24-hour telephone help from experienced and

accredited leaders, a lending library, breastfeeding aids for sale, and membership discounts.

### LaLeche League of Bay/Waveland's monthly meetings

- 9:30 am on first Tuesday of the month
- Hancock Medical Center's Business & Education complex, Highway 90, BSL, east of the hospital
- contact: Michelle 467-8180

## THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Hope Haven - a United Way shelter for abused and neglected children. Supplies speakers/information on abuse/neglect and other children's issues. Operates an emergency (non-profit) shelter for abused children.

### Hope Haven Board Meeting (Open)

- 6:00 pm
- Mississippi Power Co., Hwy 90 and Dunbar, BSL
- 228-467-7945, FAX 228-466-4707 or [www.hopehavenshelter.org](http://www.hopehavenshelter.org)

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# Community Services

## Adult Literary Education

The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

## ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m. For information call 255-9213.

## Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

## American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

## Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street. All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

## Bay-Waveland

**Overeaters HOW Group**  
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room. The HOW group is a disci-

pline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

## Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

## CASA

### (Court-Appointed Special Advocate)

Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

## DivorceCare

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at [www.Bayouview.org](http://www.Bayouview.org).

## Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 865-0982.

## Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

## Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Homework

### Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through

the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

## Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, Bay St. Louis.

## Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

## Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

## Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

## Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

## Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer 1 at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. Call 865-9421 for details.

## St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

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needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0708.

## Senior Citizens

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals. AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time home-maker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

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| Group Name | Meeting Type     | Day        | Time            | Location                        |
|------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday     | Camel OD         | 12:10 p.m. | D'head CD       | 300 Third St., Bay St. Louis;   |
| 12:00 p.m. | D'head CD        | 12:10 p.m. | Camel OD        | Kiln Group, Community Center,   |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Camel CD         | 5:30 p.m.  | Camel CD        | Hwy. 43, Kiln.                  |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CD         | 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CD        | The Diamondhead Group,          |
| Tuesday    | Camel OD         | 8:00 p.m.  | Kiln OD         | Diamondhead Community           |
| 12:10 p.m. | Camel OD         | 12:10 p.m. | Camel Group OD  | Center.                         |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Camel CD         | 5:30 p.m.  | Camel Group OD  | Coleman Avenue Group            |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Chip-In DC       | 8:00 p.m.  | Kiln Group OD   | (Gay), 307-J Coleman Ave.       |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CD         | 8:00 p.m.  | Camel OD        | (upstairs), Waveland; Kiln      |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Kiln OD          | 11:00 a.m. | Mustard Seed OD | Group; St. Matthews Church,     |
| Wednesday  | Camel OD         | 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CS        | Hwy. 603; Chip-In Group, St.    |
| 12:10 p.m. | Camel OD         | 7:00 p.m.  | Camel CS        | Stephen's Catholic Church Hall, |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Camel CD         |            |                 | DeLisle.                        |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Mustard Seed OD  |            |                 | Alanon and Alanon ACOA          |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CD         |            |                 | meet Thursday, 8 p.m., St.      |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Coleman (Gay) CD |            |                 | Thomas Episcopal Church,        |
| Thursday   | Camel OD         |            |                 | Diamondhead                     |
| 12:10 p.m. | Camel OD         |            |                 | Help Number 467-8556            |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Camel CD         |            |                 |                                 |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Camel CS         |            |                 |                                 |

Groups and their meeting locations include Mustard Seed Group, Christ Episcopal Church's Virginia Hall, South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis; Camel Group, The Rebo's Club,

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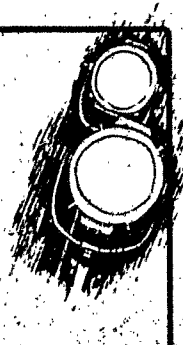








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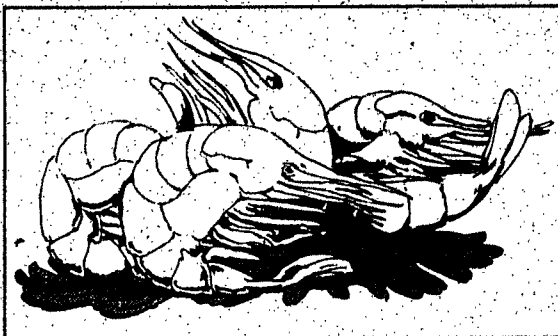


## St. Paul's Seafood Festival scheduled for July 14-16

The 24th annual St. Paul's Seafood Festival will be July 14-16 on the grounds of St. Paul's Catholic Church in the quaint community of Pass Christian.

For 23 years, visitors have traveled from Texas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana to enjoy the St. Paul's Seafood Festival to indulge on a delicious array of seafood for which the Mississippi Gulf Coast is praised.

Specialties include varieties of shrimp, oysters, catfish, gumbo and po-boys. A particular favorite is the scrumptious



goers who patiently await their annual treat.

Entertainment abounds throughout the three-day festival. Coast musicians bring audiences to their feet by perform-

ing music suited for all ages. The event also features carnival rides and arts and crafts.

"The St. Paul's Seafood Festival is a prime example of the family-style fun available on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," said Stephen B. Richer, executive director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"Families of all ages return year after year to enjoy our great seafood and entertainment."

The festival is a fund raiser for St. Paul's Catholic Church. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

## Kids will feature Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Rehearsals are well underway at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's "Summer Program 2000," a children's summer acting workshop that will feature Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The production dates and times are: July 13 and 14, 8 p.m., July 15, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and one performance at 2 p.m., July 6. Tickets are \$7.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" concerns lovers who elope to be together which leads them (in this version) to fun and



adventure.

To add to the fun, director Jay Coker has set the play in

the late 19th century right here on the Gulf Coast. The cast features children and young adults from 7-17.

"Summer Program 2000" is the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's vehicle to introduce the younger generations of the community to the theatrical experience.

For information, call 467-2587 or e-mail BSLT@aol.com. The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is located at 301 Boardman Avenue.

## Oral history project breathes life into Mississippi heritage

A statewide oral history project to preserve Mississippi's cultural heritage is moving into its second phase after interviews with some 240 people "from all walks of life" were recorded during the first year of operation.

"Today, we have the technology to capture people's memories through cassette and video, preserve those to breathe life into the historical records, and offer future generations multiple viewpoints on events from people who actually lived through them," said Dr. Charles Bolton.

Bolton, director of the University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, said recently the 2000 Legislature allocated \$150,000 to fund the second half of the two-year program through the state Department of Archives and History.

"People from all walks of life were interviewed - businessmen, educators, farmers, workers, veterans, ministers, law enforcement officers, and state and local government officials," he said of the program's first year, which also was funded by an initial \$150,000 legislative appropriation.

Bolton said the second phase of the Mississippi Oral History Program - sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council and coordinated by USM - will involve transcribing, editing and archiving the initial 240 interviews and collecting an additional 350 interviews.

The collected interviews will be transcribed and archived both at USM and at local libraries, or archives near each of five pilot sites scattered around the state, he noted.

"In addition, efforts will be made to develop materials to make the collected oral histories accessible to educators and the larger public through the development of a website devoted to the program," added Bolton, an associate professor and new chairman of the USM History Department.

The purpose of the program,

he said, is to "preserve the history and culture of the state by recording the memories of Mississippians as they recall their own histories and stories of their communities, government and civic life, institutions, commercial enterprises and historical events."

Most of the effort during the first year of the project focused on launching oral history projects at the five pilot sites: the Northeast

Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society in Tupelo; Delta State University's Capps Archives in Cleveland; the Noxubee County Public Library; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; and Community Bridges, a Biloxi community group.

"Local people were trained to conduct interviews and they assisted in planning and setting up the oral history projects to record the history of their communities and institutions," Bolton explained.

"The five pilot sites represented a variety of cultural institutions and organizations, as well as geographic areas and ethnic and cultural diversity in the state population."

He said local interviewers at the five sites conducted nearly 200 interviews, while staff of the USM Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage conducted another 40 interviews at the same locales. CD versions of the staff interviews are being produced. "The local sites have already begun to use the interviews collected in a variety of ways - including the creation of a website in Noxubee County featuring audio and transcribed excerpts of that site's interviews," Bolton said.

"There also was a project at Community Bridges involving local art students who listened to the oral histories and painted, based on their concept of the memories of people interviewed," he added.

## St Paul Seafood Festival Pass Christian July 14, 15 & 16

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July 20-21, Toughman (local competition) 7 p.m. \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$50

July 28, Live Boxing

Tickets may be purchased through TicketMaster or through the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, extension 4035.

All events subject to change. All ticketed events are in the Magical Entertainment Complex. For upcoming events, call the Magic Entertainment Hotline: 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4015. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

### \$50,000 PUNCH OUT GAME

(One day, many winners!)

Guests can earn registration tickets for a chance to win their share of \$50,000. Earn tickets with play and receive one free entry ticket at the Magic Money Players Club per account, per day.

On July 22, three finalists will be drawn and have a chance to "punch" one "Punch Out" hole on the game board on the main lobby stage.

Each hole contains a cash award ranging from \$100 - \$5,000. Finalists will be drawn at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Five out of the 15 finalists will go on to the final drawing at 9 p.m. Five more finalists will be drawn at 9 p.m., totaling ten top prize finalists. Each finalist will again punch one hole containing cash prizes ranging from \$500 - \$25,000.

Tickets must be deposited on July 22 beginning at 8 a.m. The barrel will close five minutes prior to each drawing.

### Tour the Jungle with "Tour 2000" in July

In 2000, guests may participate in any one or all five public slot tournaments to earn points for embroidered patches that may be stitched onto a tour 2000 deluxe reversible jacket.

Throughout the year, guests earning 1000 points on their Magic Money card can redeem them for the jacket. Each tour 2000 tournament has a different theme of travel around the world. Guests participated in five tournaments in one year are eligible for a cash drawing of \$20,000.

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The invitation only, final "USA Giveaway" will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000. That's a total of \$31,000 to be given away for those participating.

Pre-register with VIP Services at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 8008.

Any Magic Money card holder may participate. Membership is free at the Magic Money Players Club.

The next event is the "African Safari" Slot Tournament July 9 and 10, July 16 and 17, July 23 and 24 and July 30 and 31. There is a \$25 entry fee with a \$20,000 total cash giveaway.

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